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Perhaps it is better to be irresponsible and right than to be responsible and wrong
~Winston Churchill

It cost me a great deal of money to learn that there is a great difference between being polite and being honest. ~Paul Frank

You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to go.
~Dr. Seuss

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing worth knowing can be taught. ~Oscar Wilde

To the uneducated, an A is just three sticks.
~A. A. Milne

Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not. ~George Bernard Shaw

Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps. ~ David Lloyd George

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Your families are extremely proud of you. You can't imagine the sense of relief they are experiencing. This would be a most opportune time to ask for money.
~Gary Bolding

The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point is to change it.
~Karl Marx

Yes, the lectures are optional. Production is also optional.
~Bob Buckford

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A note from our Headmaster:

When I am invited to write my brief message to the yearbook each year, I remember how in earlier parts of my life I was - first - a student editor of the yearbook at my school, and - second, number of years later - the staff advisor to the yearbook at the first school where I taught. Such experience does give me an appreciation for the hours of unheralded dedication and imagination that go into this task. Yearbooks are ambitious documents, and if they are successful, as ours is, the book genuinely is a compendium of school life, capturing its many facets, its many moods, and, probably some bits of history that are recorded nowhere else.

Looking at archival copies of the Red, Black and Blue, or its earlier incarnations before amalgamation, one does detect a change in tone and purpose. In earlier books much of the text was written by staff, who felt a journalistic duty to record accurately - which sometimes meant unflatteringly - the exploits of the students. It is amusing to read those comments, distanced from them as we are by time.

I find the tone of our current yearbooks generous and enthusiastic, and I find the design of them energetic and inventive. This year's yearbook will chronicle a year of characters and events that is nearly impossible to contain, so the editors can be excused if the content seems to spill outside the pages. It ought to; one cannot confine the life of the school within these pages, one can only create signposts and beacons for the life that goes on here. And in this task, the editors and contributors to this year's yearbook have succeeded impressively.

~Bob Snowden

Welcome, dearest reader, to the 2008/2009 edition of Vivat, our school yearbook. If you are reading this, it means that we actually did finish the book, which quite surprises me. Somewhere in my closet, among my eight other yearbooks, I am sure that there is one that was finished on time, within budget and in such a way as too make everyone happy. But in four years of yearbooking, I still haven't worked on a book like that. Not that this one was particularly bad ~ we're well within our budget. Unfortunately, the First Term section of the book was finished on July 8th, and we've had three minor revolts so far. That said, we actually look to be on track to have the book available in record time. (If it's 2010, and the Olympics are on, and you just received this in the mail, let me assure you that whatever it was that went wrong, it wasn't my fault.)

This book, for those of you that are curious, actually got its real start last summer, in Stratford Ontario, where, in the middle of the night, it suddenly occurred to me that our yearbook could be theatre-themed. A theme, of course, is something that we get all excited about in September, then promptly forget about. And as far as themes go, I think theatre wasn't too bad, actually. We might still have been producing theatre-like pages in October. So if you wonder at seemingly out of place theatre marquees, or stage lights, or odd references to scenes and acts, you can blame me for that one.

Those of you who are long-term subscribers to this hefty periodical will likely find a few things different in this year's book. Gone are the sections for Junior, Middle, Senior, sports, arts and clubs. Rather, we have (dis-)organised this book roughly chronologically. You will find that it flows (though none too smoothly) from day one to graduation in something that vaguely resembles the way that the SMUS year is structured. Change, they say, is good. Change of government, change of scene, change of yearbook. So, perhaps this will become the new norm. Or perhaps not. Either way, enjoy the book.

Matthew Warner,
Editor In Chief

Natasha

SMU

TERM 1

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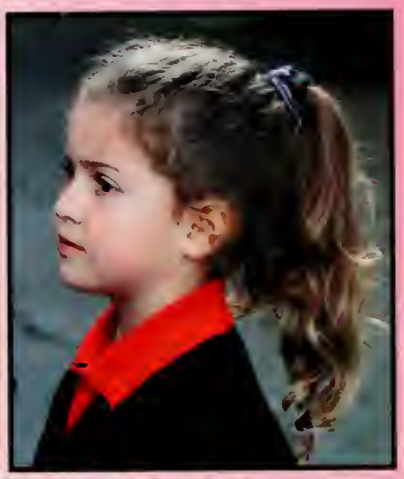

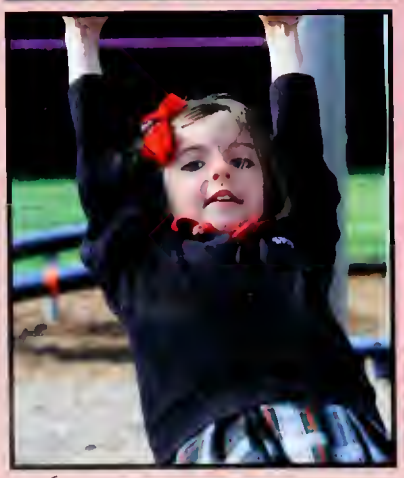

the very beginning

KINDERGARTEN

Marina Fabris
Tori Farkas
Graham Hall

Logan Higgs
Amalia Mairet
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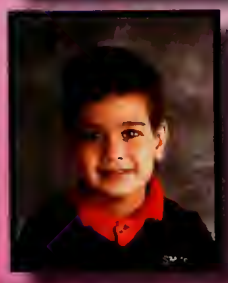
Grace Miller

Devon Mills
Michael Moulden
Claudia Murr
Divyesh Nagarajan

Shae Norris
Connor Peterson
Scott Roberts
Emily Selwood



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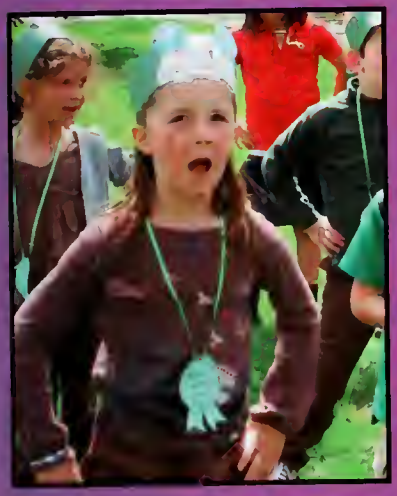
Sahib Singh
David Wong-Harrison

JUNIOR

Terry Fox Run

All Hallows' Eve

EVENTS



Earth Day

Barn Dance

Grade 1

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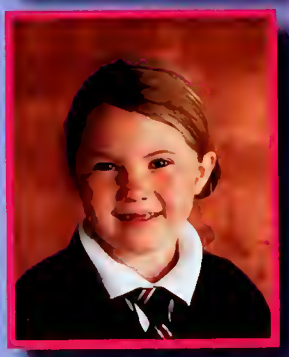
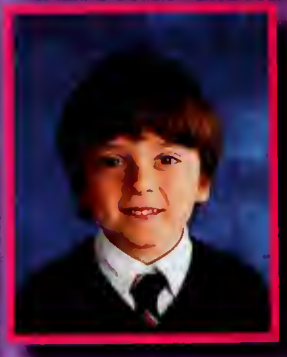
Abby Bartlett
Charlotte Campbell

Meghan Chestnut
Seung Kyun Choi
Julian Fitzgibbon





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Makayla Lintott

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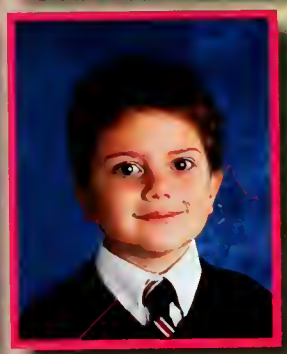
Jenna Sedgwick



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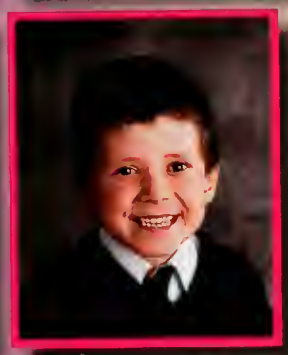
Christian Turpin



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Michael Woods
Larry Yu

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Lucas Bosley
Connor Chan
Anna Considine

Angelo Fabris
Angus Hall
Matthew Hart

Georgia Haydock
Sofia Jeliazkov

Abbey Johnson
Isabella Leong

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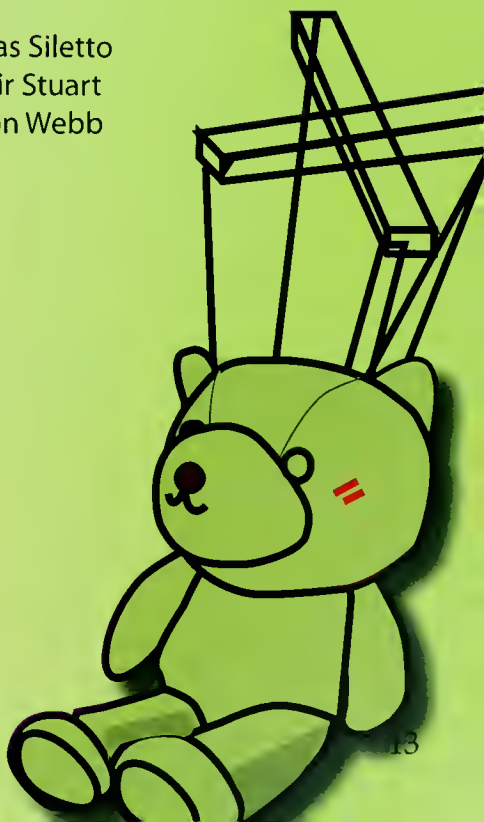
Thomas Siletto
Alastair Stuart
Jackson Webb

Zoe Wilson-Potter



Jamie Bruynzeel
Chloe Fitzgibbon
Tucker Forbes
Rachel Grohovac

Lindsay Hannah
Triumph Kerins
Aidan Kerr
Hayley Kirk

Ethan Ko
Elise Lincoln
Olivia Meadows
Adam Moulden

GRADE 3

Imaan Nathoo
Nicholas Papaloukas
Sara Perelmuter
Amrit Saini

Karmen Tse
Rhys Williams
Joshua Wilmott
Madison Woodhead

Rachel Yuen

ON THE FIELD...

CHRISTMAS

Grade 4

Laura Bass
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Jasper Bosley
Clare Riley
Nicholas Considine
Ricky Fabris

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Erin Forbes
Grace Hart
Alana Hawes

Bryn Haydock
Noah High
Maya Jervis
Danika Johnson

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Hannah Kitson

Rowan Ko
Jayne Leggatt
Madison Liew
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Lucie Marchessault
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Jessalyn Mcelderry
Anna Mollenhaver
Max Olberg
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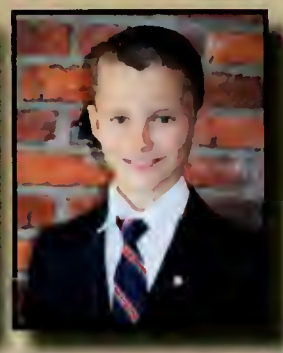
Benjamin Wingert
Zachary Zwicky

GRADE 5



Kennedy Aragon-Scriven
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Sun-Eui Choi

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John Cook
Mackenzie Crawshaw
Aidan Currie

Sean Currie
Olivia Donald
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Luke Erasmus

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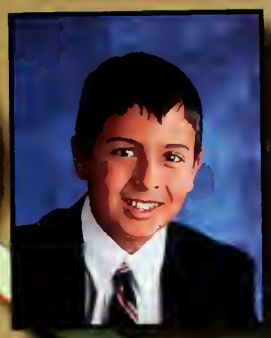

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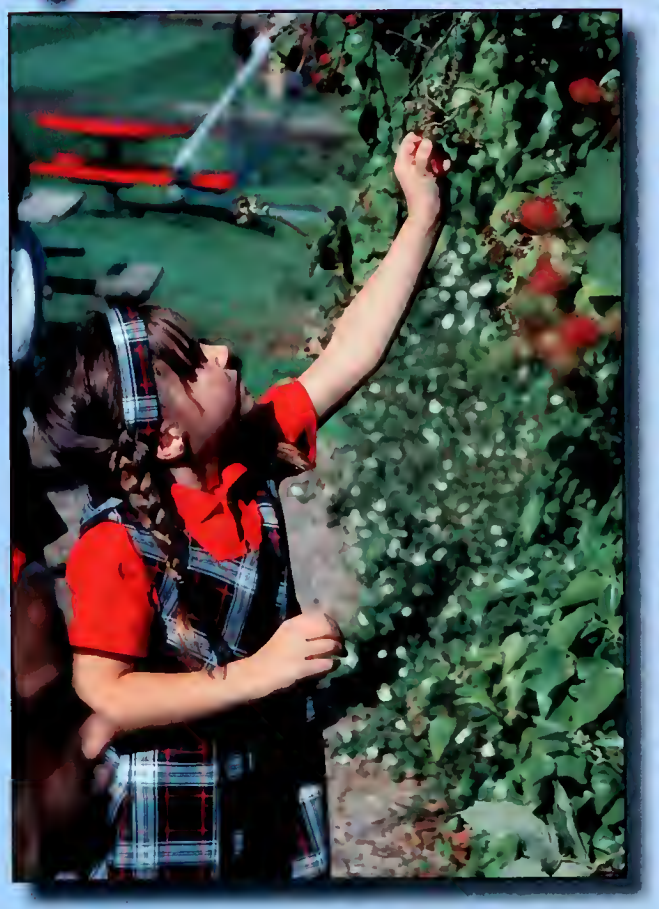
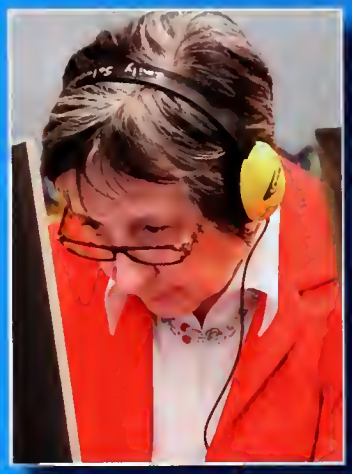
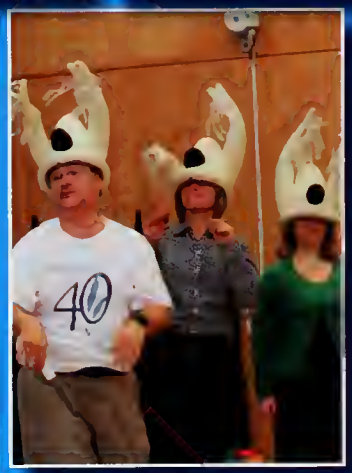
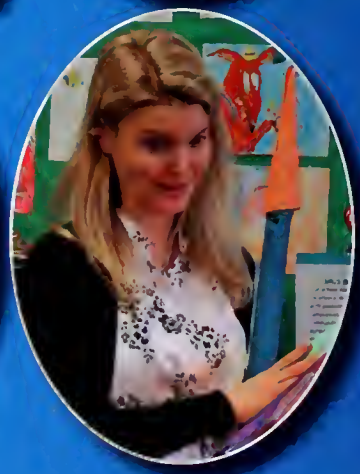
Junior Candids



JUNIOR STAFF







MIDDLE STAFF

GRADE SIX

Joseph Avio
Rachael Benjamin
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Arthur Bodine
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Kasey Boyle

Rylee Boyle
Edward Bunyan
Sophie Butterfield
Loren Cai
Alexander Caton
Keeley Copeland

Ryan Cui
David Cunningham
Mike Edwards
Sarah Fellows
Sage Friswell
Simon Gray

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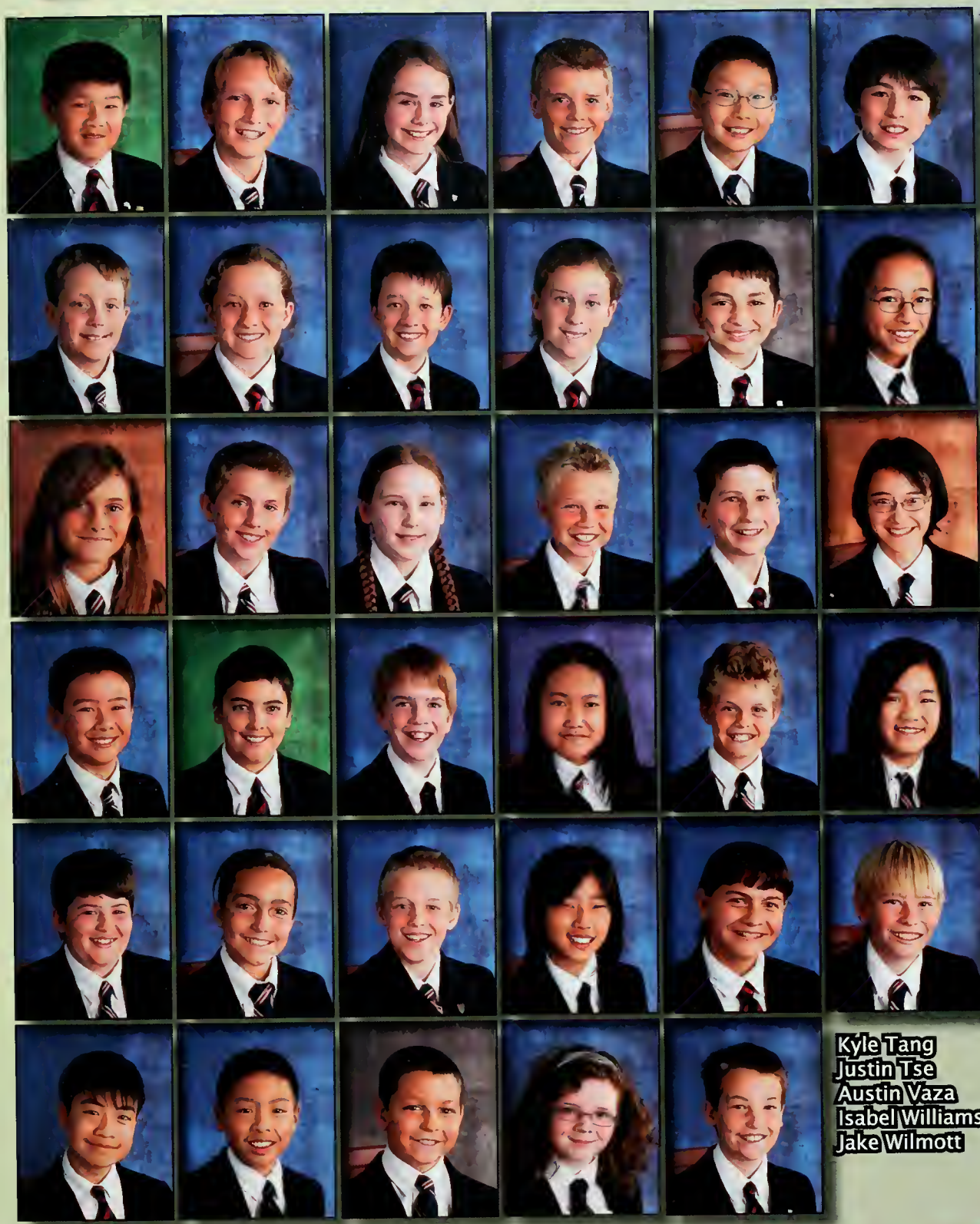
James Hayashi
Liam Hayden
Airlia Hie
Nathan High
Haydn Hopkins

IT'S THE TIME IT'S THE PLACE IT'S THE MOTION



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Sarah Loughton
Alex Lupin
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Mitchell Newman
Grant Nicholson
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Max Pollen
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Jason Scully
Jennifer Shan

Jack Sherrod
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Michelle Song
Mila Stolle
Owen Sudul

Kyle Tang
Justin Tse
Austin Vaza
Isabel Williams
Jake Wilmott

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Jeremy Chan

hristine Chiu
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Samantha Colby
Nicolas Cunningham
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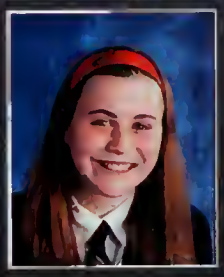

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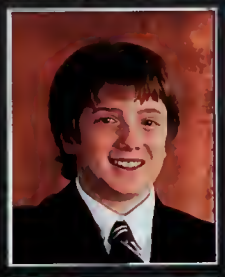

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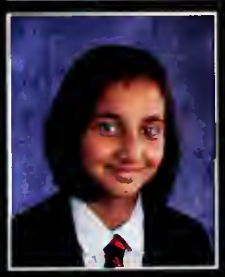

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Mikayla Neal
Sun-Min Oh
Jane Pirie
Georgia Quinlan
Christina Robillard

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Marco Sanati
Cecilia Shang
Isabel Simons
Alexander Simson

Shinai Sorensen
Olivia Sorley
Levi Supowitz
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Kevin Welsford
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Jacob Wilson-Potter
Sydney Witoski
Stephanie Wong-Harrison

Stephen Wyatt

GRADE 8

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Russell Carleton

Lindon Carter
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Jason Chiu
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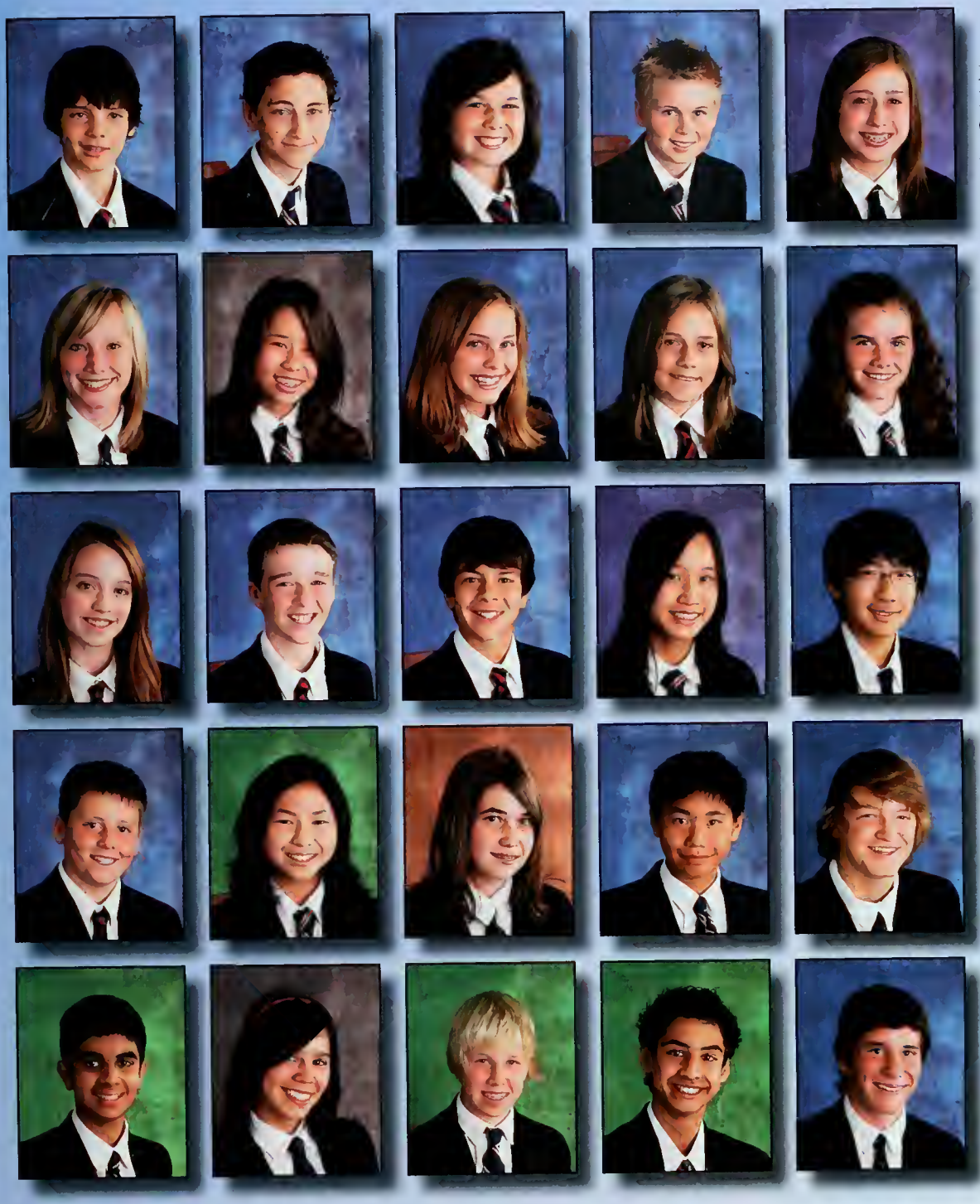

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Meris Hopkins

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Liam Hyatt
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Candice Ip
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Lisa Kinoshita
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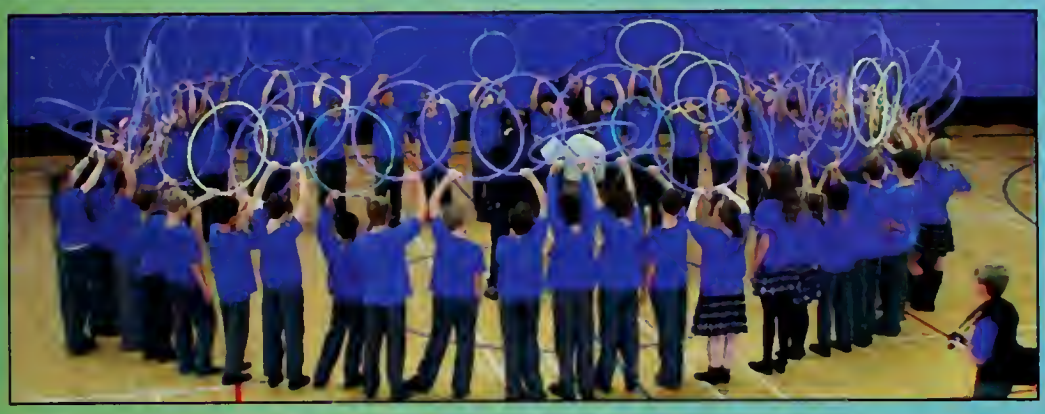

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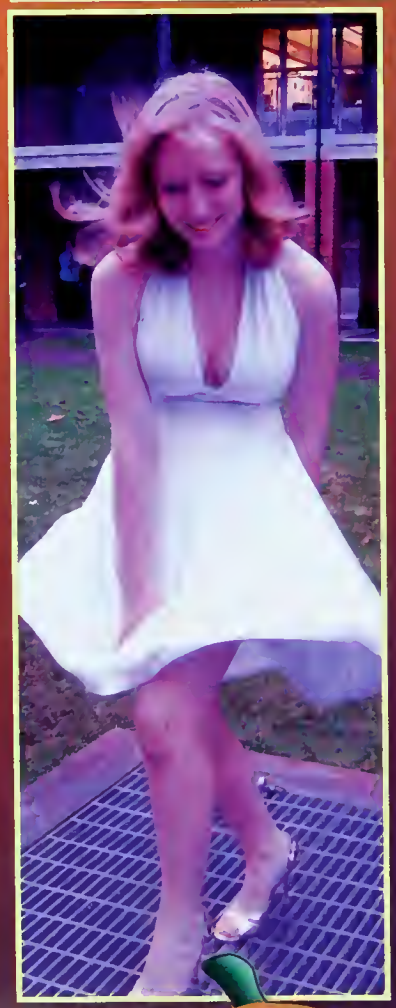
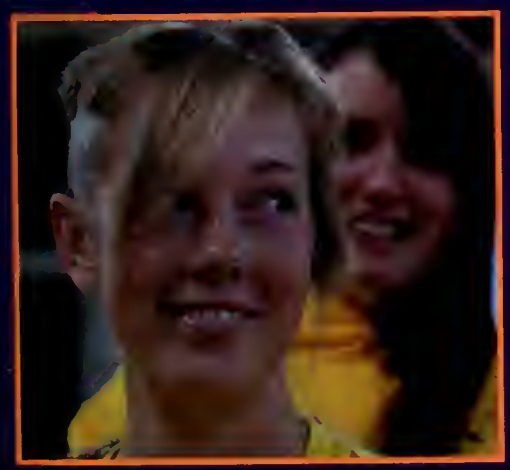


Cops for Cancer

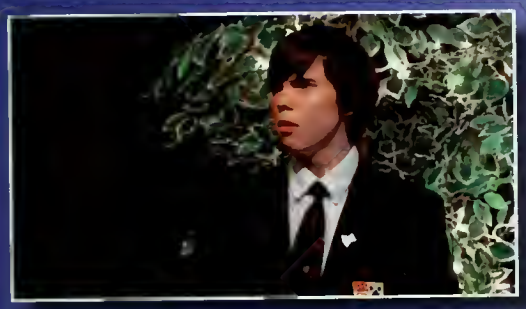


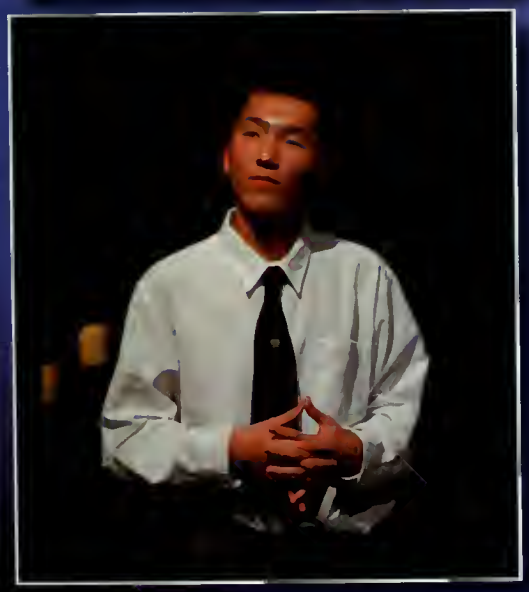
"How many marshmallows was that again, Mr. Kerr?"

Spirit Week

Recitations

Like the many that came before it, Recitations Evening 2008 was one of comedy, poetry, drama, and prose, with twenty-seven students voted to the evening by their teachers and peers reciting pieces from the epics of Homer to excerpts from Stuart McLean's Vinyl Café to slam poetry by Taylor Mali. What the MCs Brian Christensen and Emily Reid described as "being like a cruise ship" sailed for two hours and featured presentations such as Colin Hawes reciting Victor Borge's "Inflationary Language" and Harmon Moon reciting T.S. Eliot's "The Hollow Men." International performances included Dorothee Stieber reciting an excerpt from Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's "Faust" and Tom Zheng performing a speech by Mao Zedong; the ship docked with Bob Snowden presenting each recitalist with a plaque in recognition of their efforts.

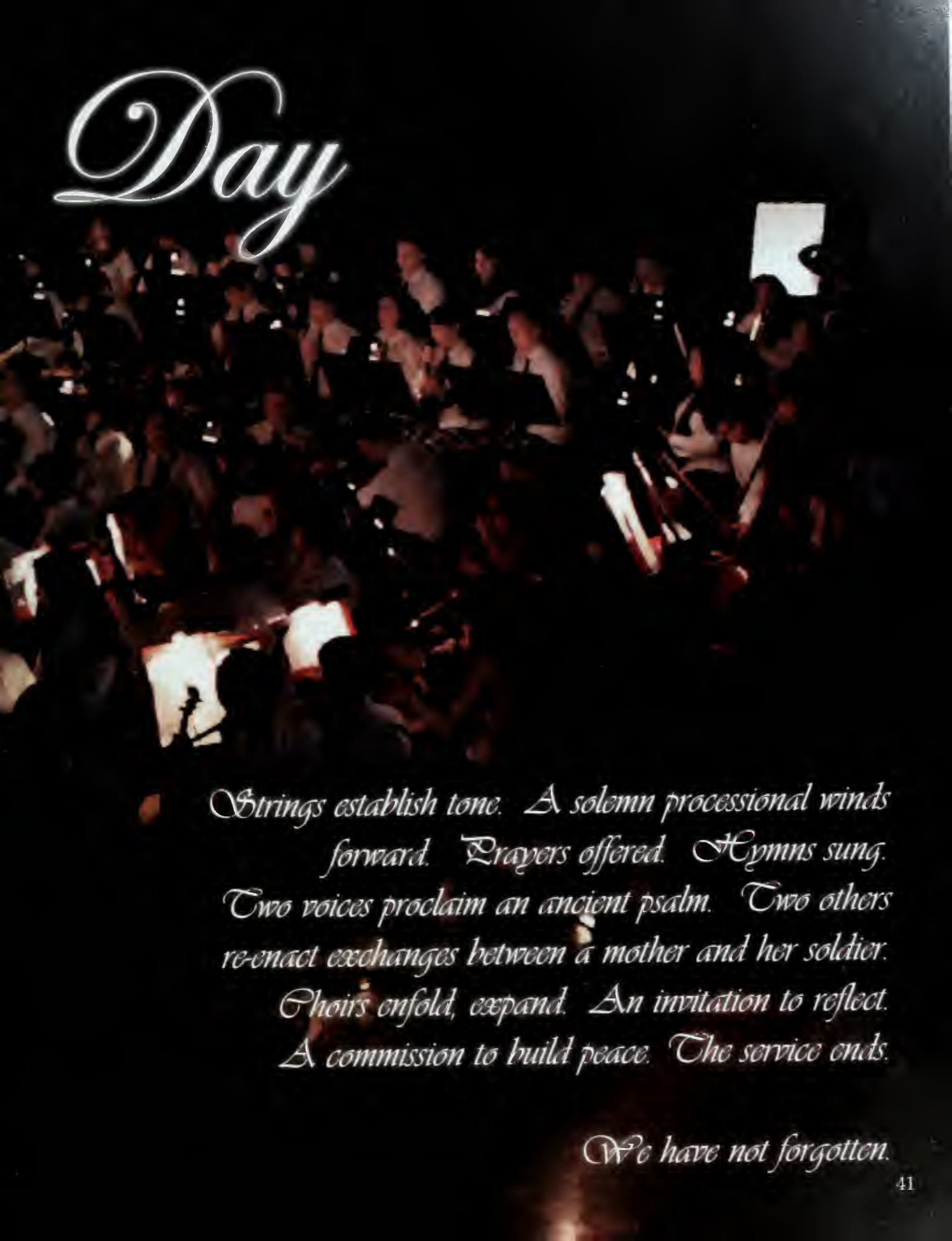




Remembrance

A candle extinguished
with the calling of each name.
Captain Harvey's letter.
These traditions ground our school
in the reality of losses suffered during the wars.

Day



Strings establish tone. A solemn processional winds forward. Prayers offered. Hymns sung. Two voices proclaim an ancient psalm. Two others re-enact exchanges between a mother and her soldier. Choirs enfold, expand. An invitation to reflect. A commission to build peace. The service ends.

We have not forgotten.

Candids

GRADE 9

Isaac Barss
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Sarah Bodine
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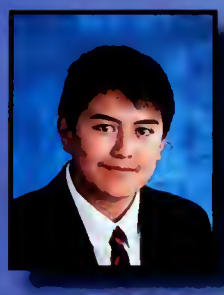

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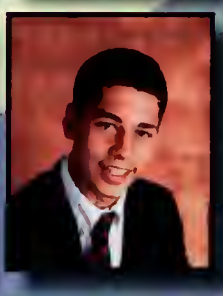

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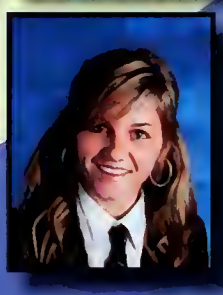
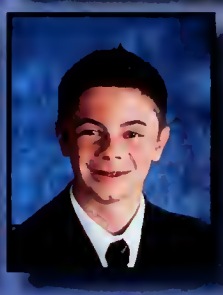

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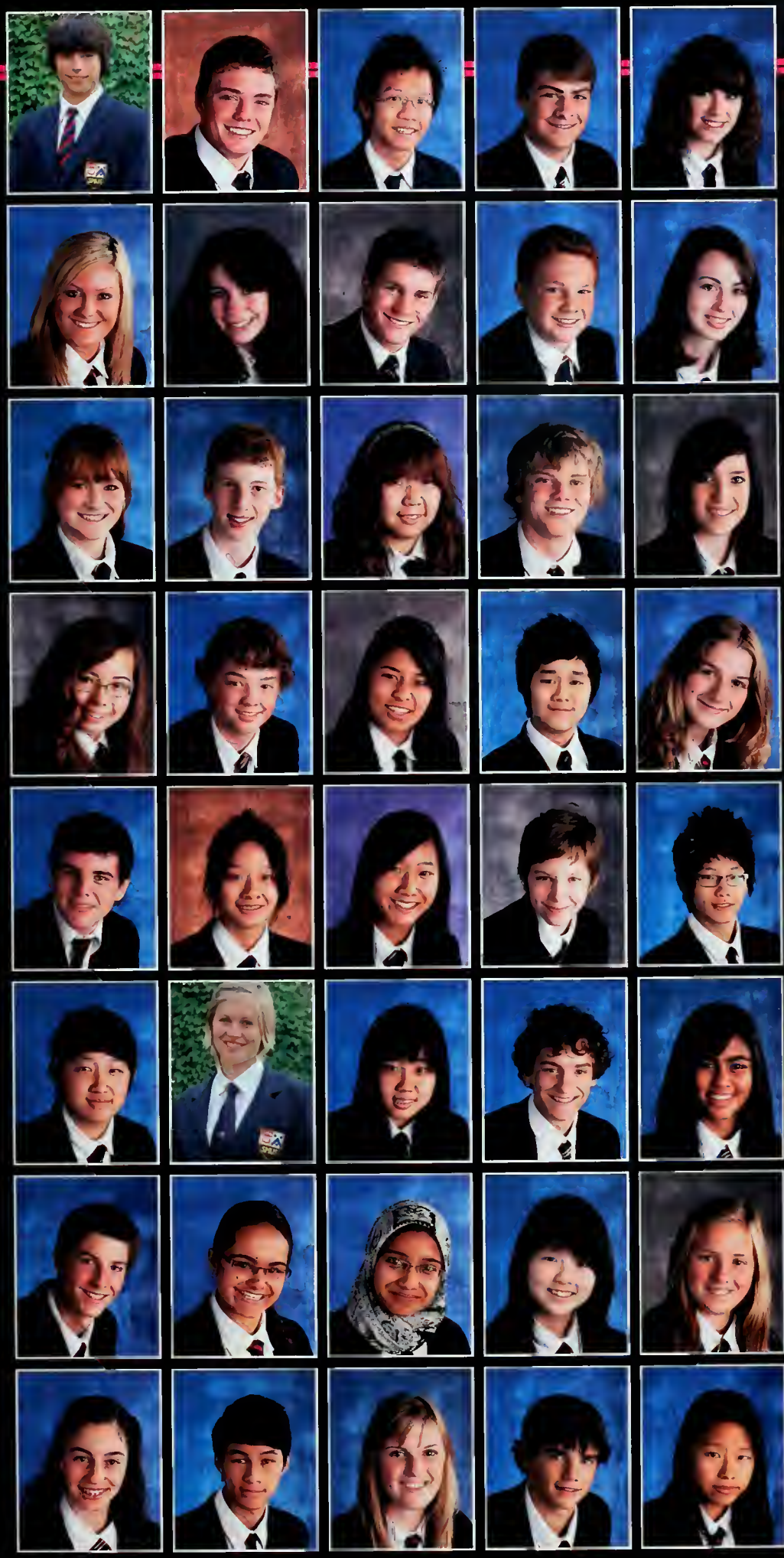

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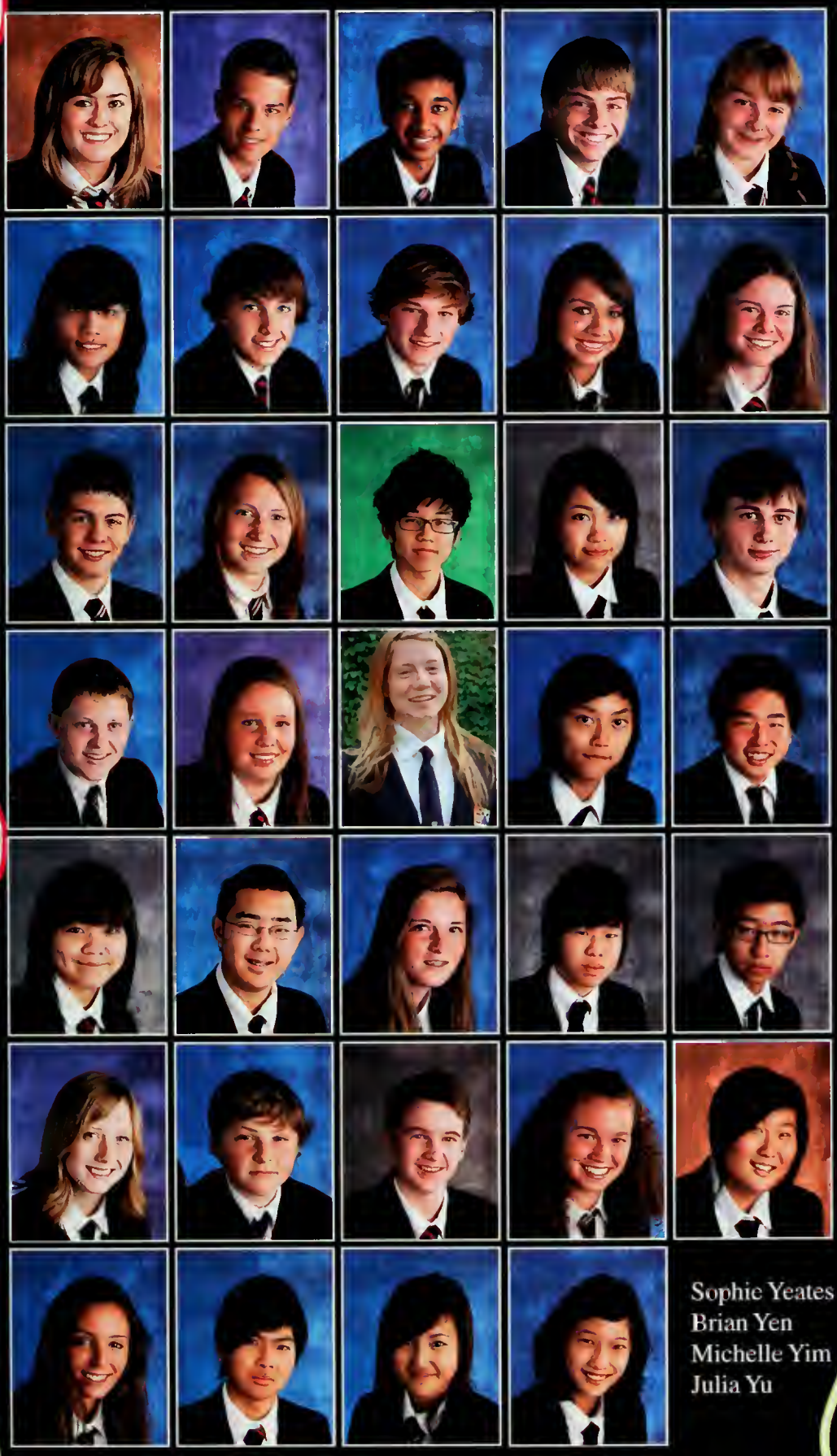

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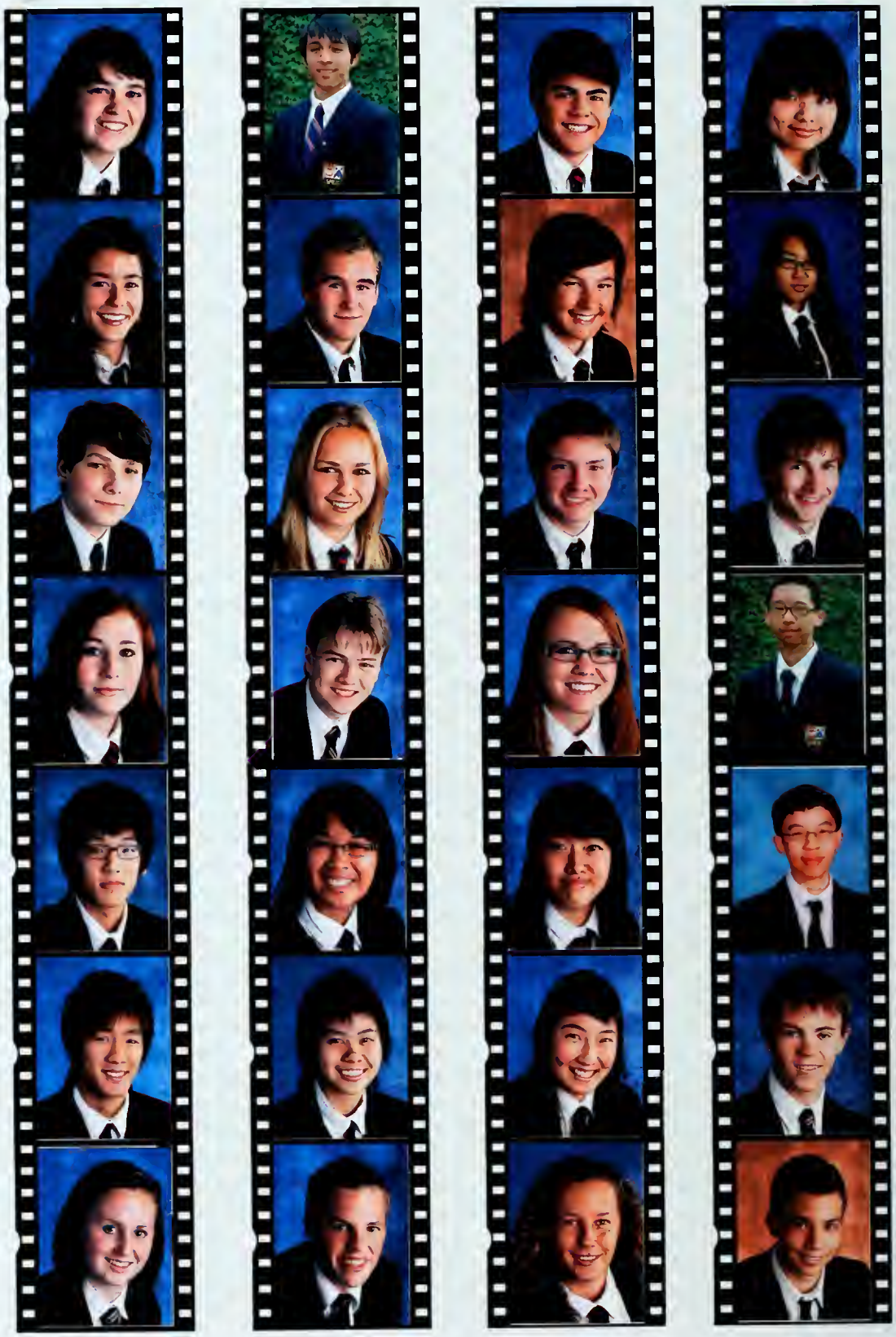

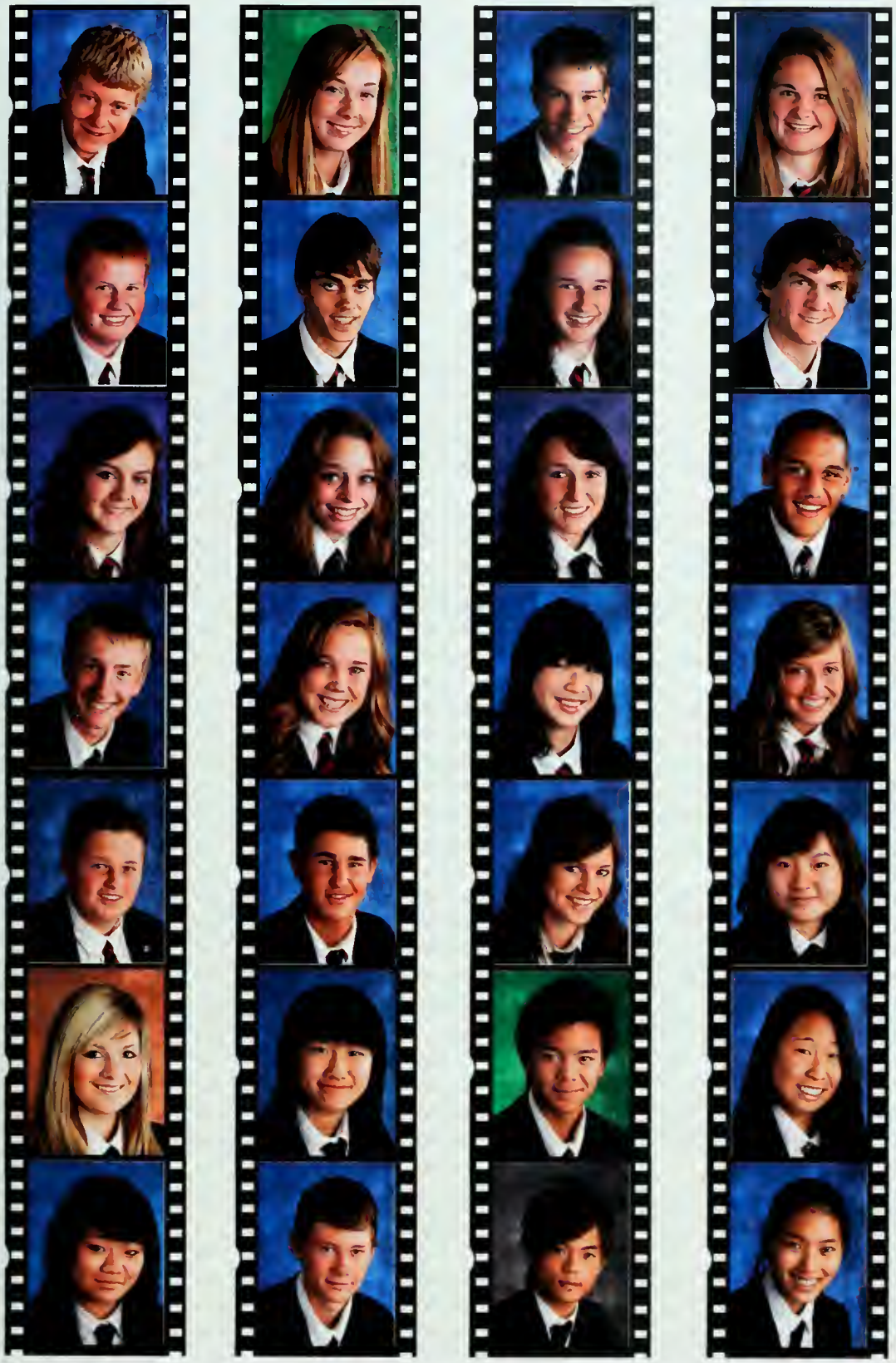

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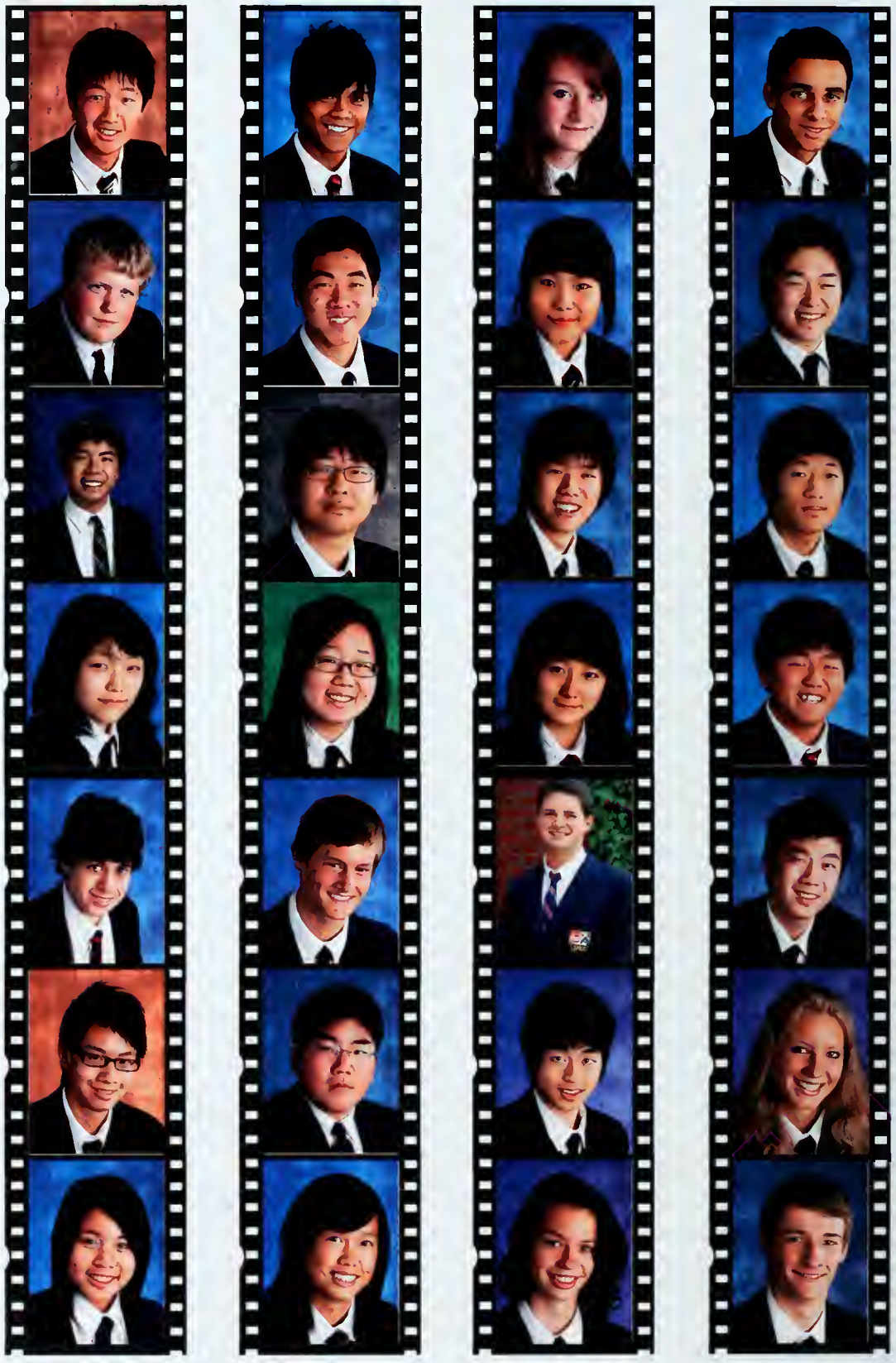

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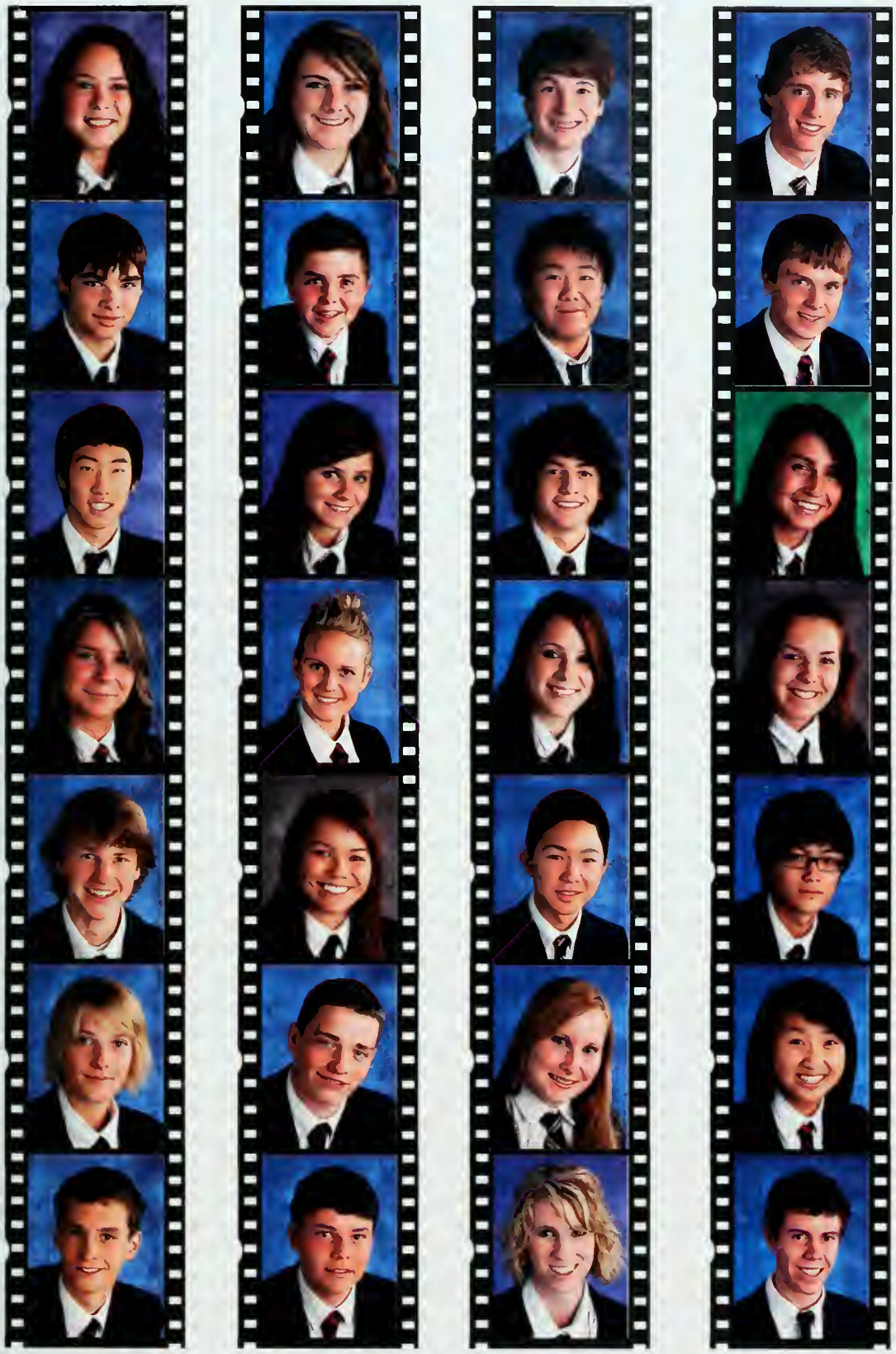

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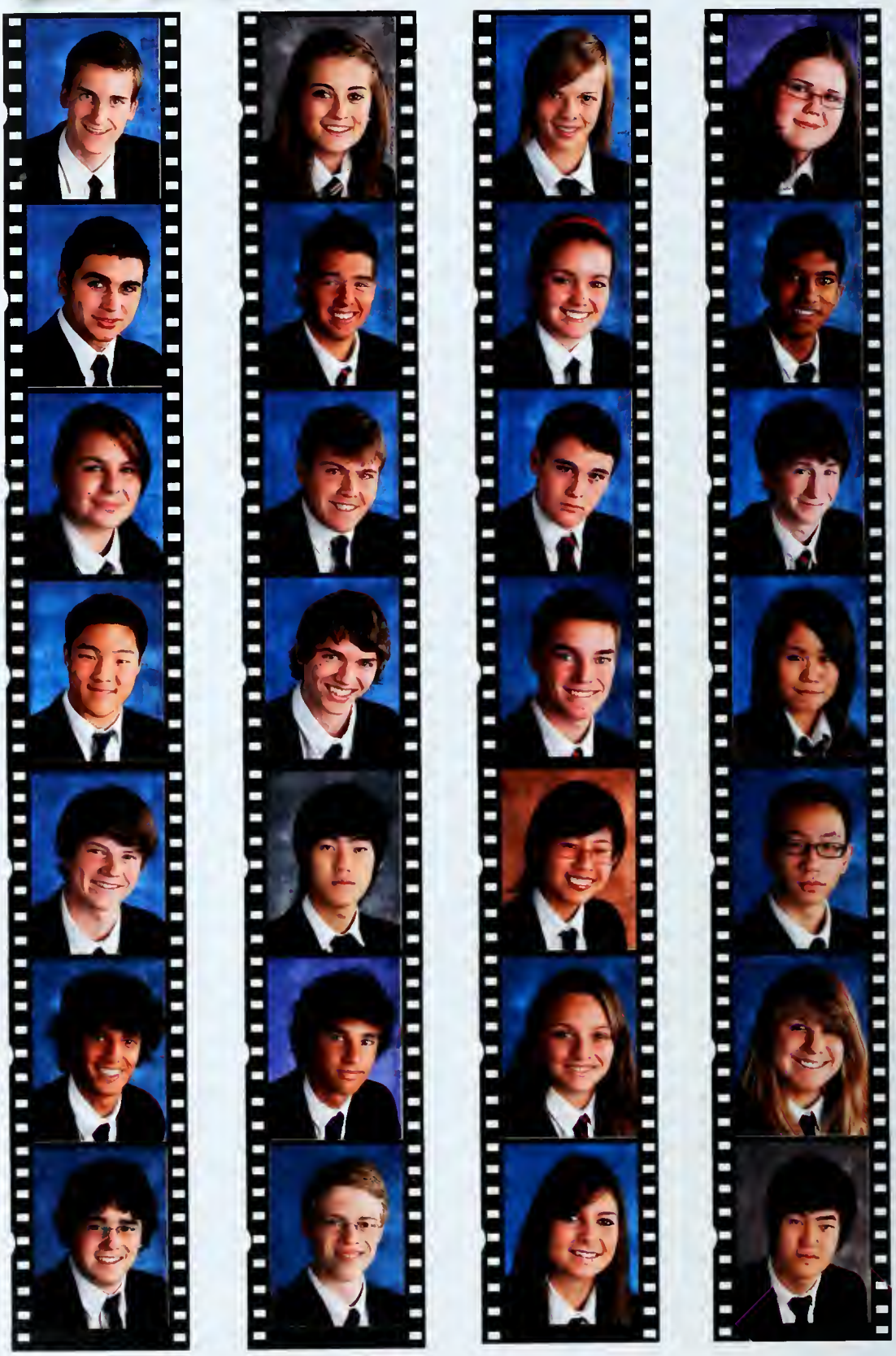

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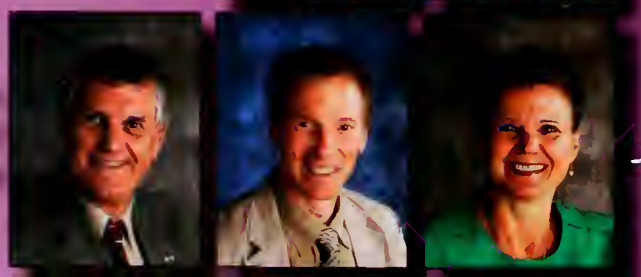

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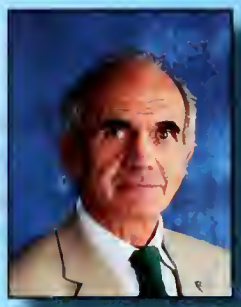
MUSIC

Senior Humanities



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NUMBER
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IN
HEAVEN

SPORTS

Ready, Set, FLY!

MIDDLE SPORTS

Cross Country

Grade 8 Boys Rugby

Girls & Boys Soccer

TERM ONE

CITY CHAMPIONS

From Top Left: Maxim Ellison, Jonathan Cunnigham, Sean Wiggins, Brandon Ewonus, Scott Swinkels, Paul Loeffler, Alexander Preis, Marland Pho-Duc, Justus Koenigs, Johann von Schack, Richard Boness, Aidan Morrice, Taylor Ellison, Liam Huatt, Luke Friswell, Montgomery Fraser-Brown, Won Yup Song, Alex Zapantis, Steven Whelans, Rick Stolle, Logan Gilmore, Jack Hayes, Elizabeth Fenje, Michelle Aylard, Holly Trew, Lexi McColl, Sarah Taylor, Jin Sun Choi, Nichole van der Wal, Cortney Ewonus, Caitlin Farquharson, Caryn Dooner, Anna Fretz, Maryann Watson, Juliette Repole, Sydney Stockus, Gabrielle Jeliazkov, Rebecca Berardelli, Mary Lapp, Oolivia Krusel, Katherine [illegible], Gwendolen O'Conner, Alexis Thind, Erunn Pawluk, Sky Richards, Rachel Ellis, Alicia Pawluk, Jessica Spoon, [illegible] Song

Coaches: Suzy Hall, Richard Curry, Susanne Walker Curry, Jill Dearden

CSSRC Results

Junior Womens Single (1X): Bronze
Michelle Aylard (Grade 10)

Senior Womens Quad (4X): GOLD
Maryann Watson (Grade 11), Lexi McColl (Grade 12), Michelle Aylard (Grade 10) and Caryn Dooner (Grade 11)

Senior Womens Double (2X): GOLD
Maryann Watson (Grade 11) and Elizabeth Fenje (Grade 12)

Senior Womens 63kg Single (1X): GOLD
Elizabeth Fenje (Grade 12)

In late May, seven SMUS rowers boarded a plane. Their final destination: St. Catharines, Ontario and the Canadian Secondary Schools Rowing Championships (CSSRC). St. Catharine's is the ultimate rowers' stomping ground; it is where high school crews across Canada and the United States square their shoulders, put on the infamous race face, and compete for the elusive holy grail of gold and a national title. It was an incredible week for SMUS rowing. By the end of Sunday, SMUS held three national titles (gold medals), a bronze medal as well as a 5th, an 8th and a 10th place national ranking. Outstanding results and in the overall, SMUS placed 11th (out of 148) schools competing and in the girls' points title SMUS place 3rd.

ROWING

"Hello MUD"

The grade 10 rugby season kicked off with the annual ISA jamboree, this year held at Shawnigan Lake School. The team showed well, despite an out-trip disrupted start to the year, winning two of four games. The following weekend saw the boys host Toowoomba Grammar School – visiting from Australia. From this point on it was business as usual as the team worked its way through the regular season schedule. However, injuries to stars Colin Smith and Fali Hopper were difficult for the team to deal with as they struggled to put any phase play together against quality opposition. Additionally, the ever changing line up was a constant thorn in the side of the coaching staff. Regular season losses to Shawnigan, Brentwood were followed with a disappointing loss to Oak Bay in the City Final.

At the Islands, the team moved easily through its quarter final game to set up a semi final against Oak Bay. A positional change for Joe Furness tightened up the close quarters defence and Colin Smith and Eric Behan used the boot to control field position which ultimately won the day and a spot in the Island Final. An excellent season ultimately ended, alas, with a loss to a very talented Shawnigan side.

All players are to be congratulated on their efforts throughout a difficult season as well as the grit and determination that were required to compete against much bigger opposition. A special thanks goes to coaches Eliot Anderson and Struan Robertson as well as the dedicated band of parents who supported the team.

Junior Boys Rugby

Middle School OUTDOORS

The Grade Sevens boldly go where many Grade Sevens have gone before... Cattle point and Goldstream park!

Cattle Point

Something's fishy...

Goldstream Park

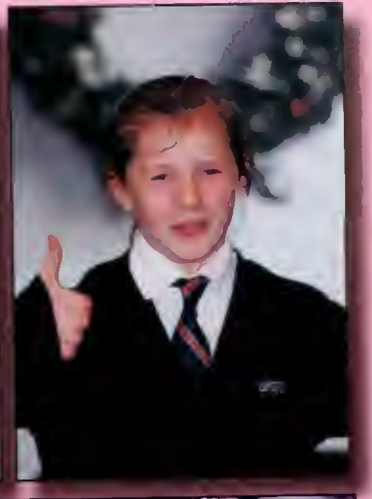
Middle School Events

Think
PINK

Robin Hood
FLOUR

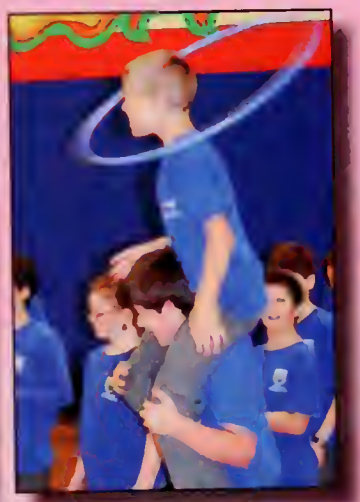
Middle School Events

STAND UP TO BULLYING DAY



RECITATIONS

World Diabetes Day



Lookin' sharp!

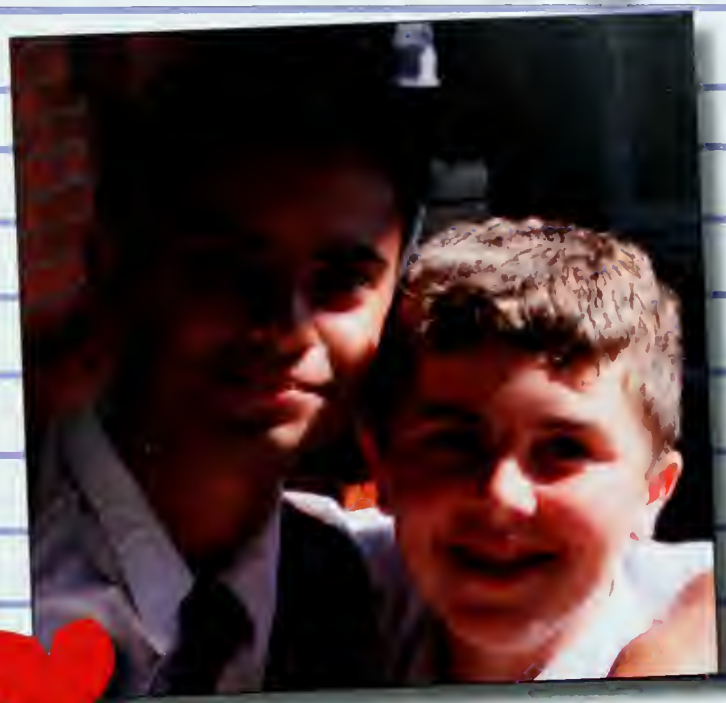
LOL

BFF!

Senior School! love ya~

Say Cheese~

Peace!



Chillin' Time!

Study

MERRY

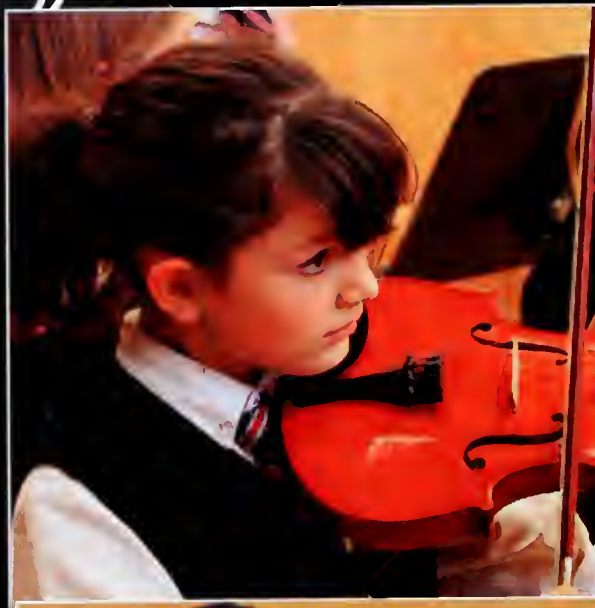
XMAS

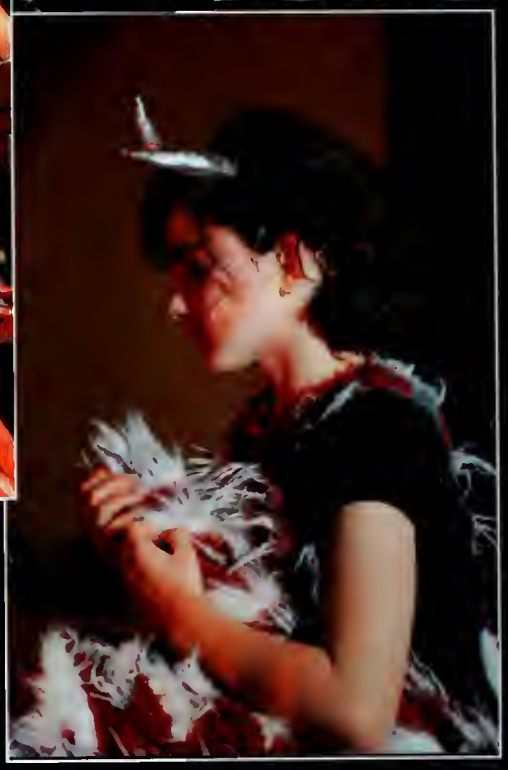
TERM 2

BROADWAY #11

ROCKEFELLER
RAINBOW ROOM
TONITE!
EST. 1929
CHRYSLER
KING

Junior School Music





St Michaels
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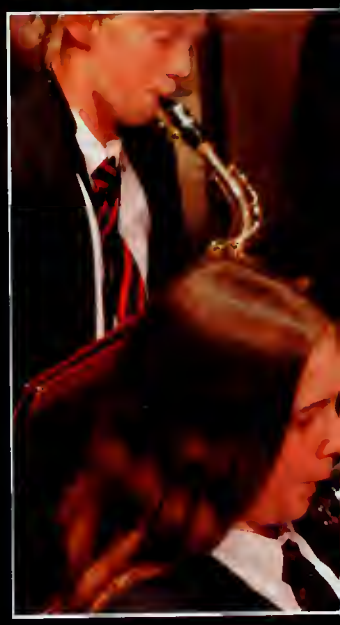
Middle School Strings

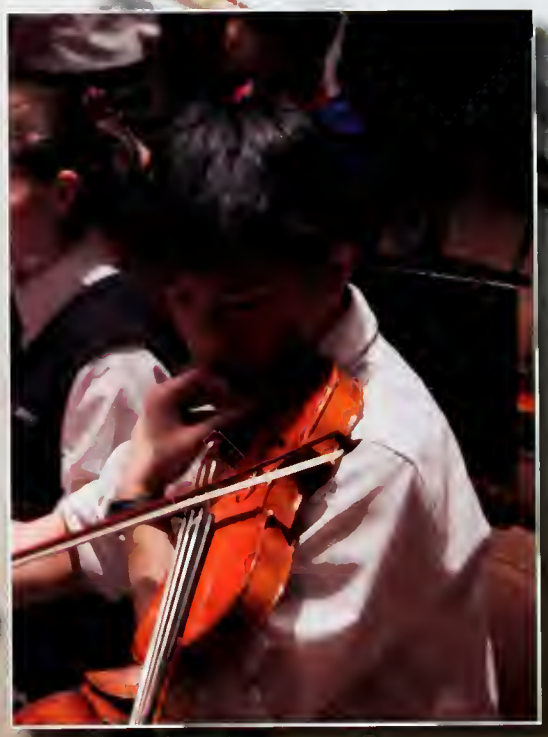
& Choir

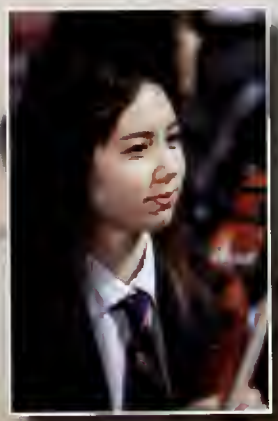
Middle School Music Candids

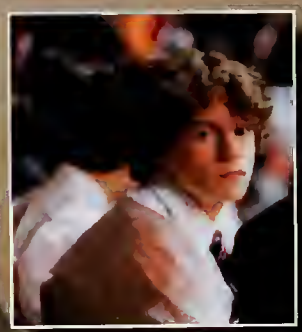
SMILE FOR THE CAMERA!



Middle School Band







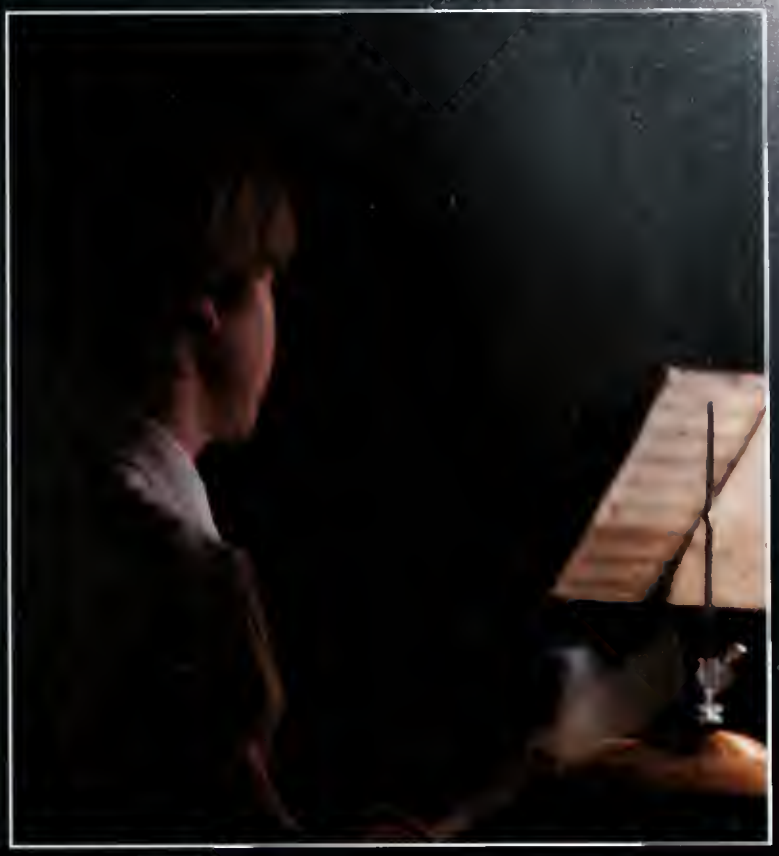
Senior Strings

Small Ensembles Concert

MUSIC

Keep the Beat

JAZZ NIGHT



Breathe in...
Epic faith Free
Community
Growth Zen Hoopla
Peace... Diversity Soul
Music Ms Skinner
Philosophy Stories... Tears
...freedom
Almonds...

Chapel

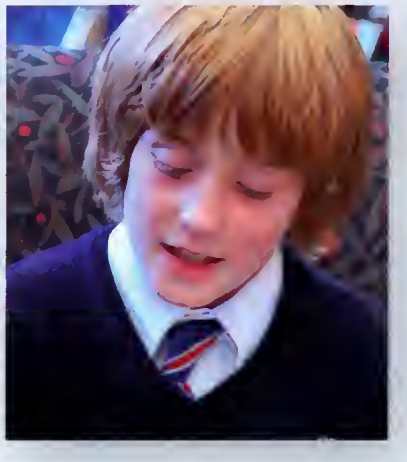
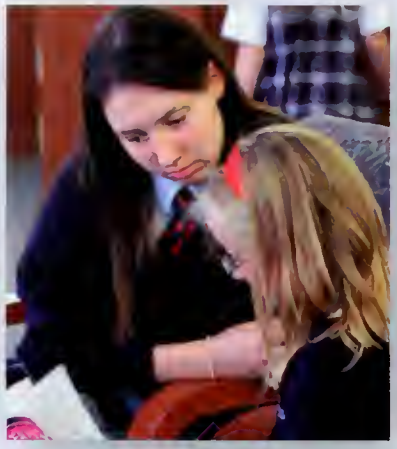
...Service

Spirit...Open Good

Hugs Honesty Veggies

Rest... Love ...Inclusion

...And Out...

Buddy Reading

Drama Night

King of Elfland's Daughter

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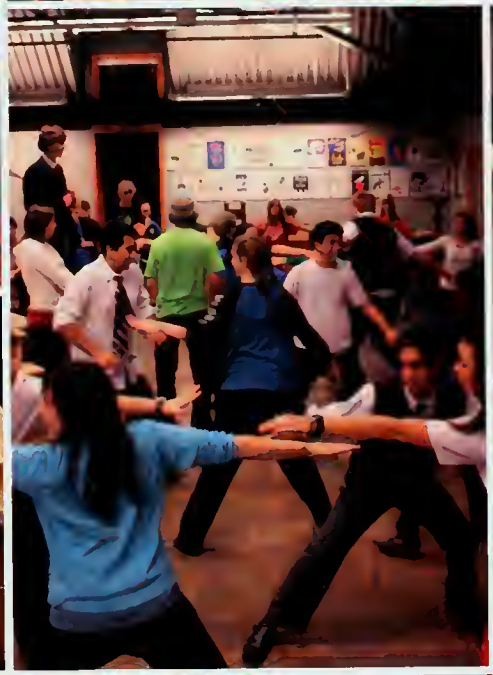
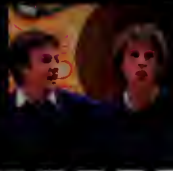
Behind the scenes!

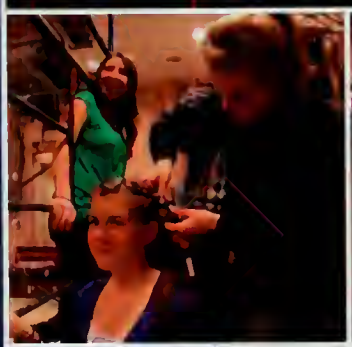
West Side Story
In Rehearsal





WEST SIDE

STORY



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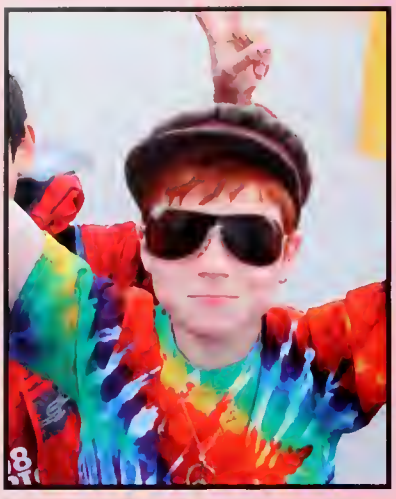

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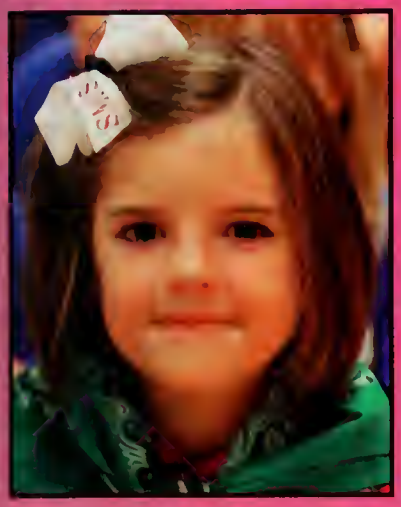

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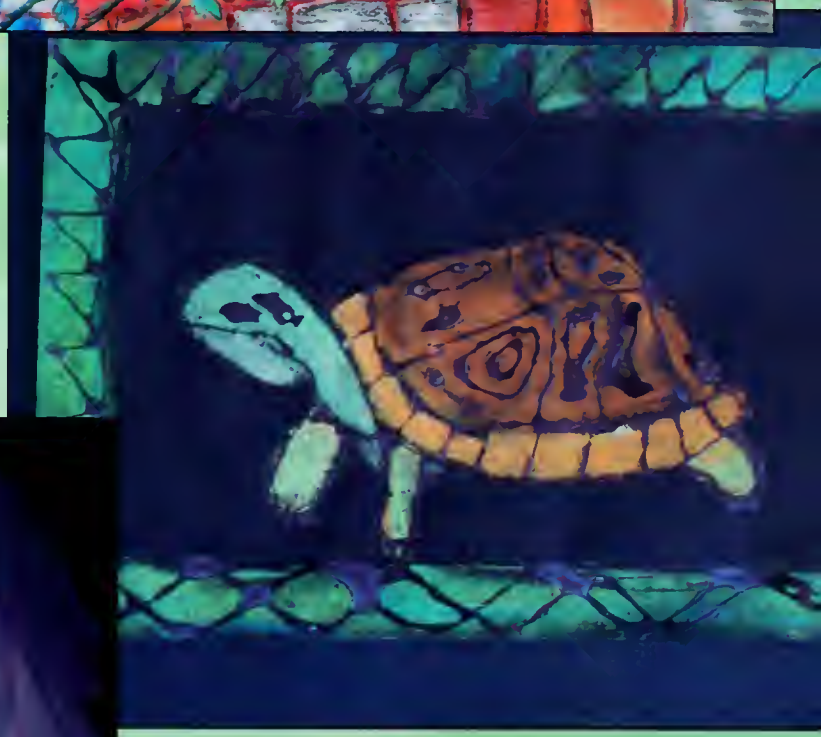

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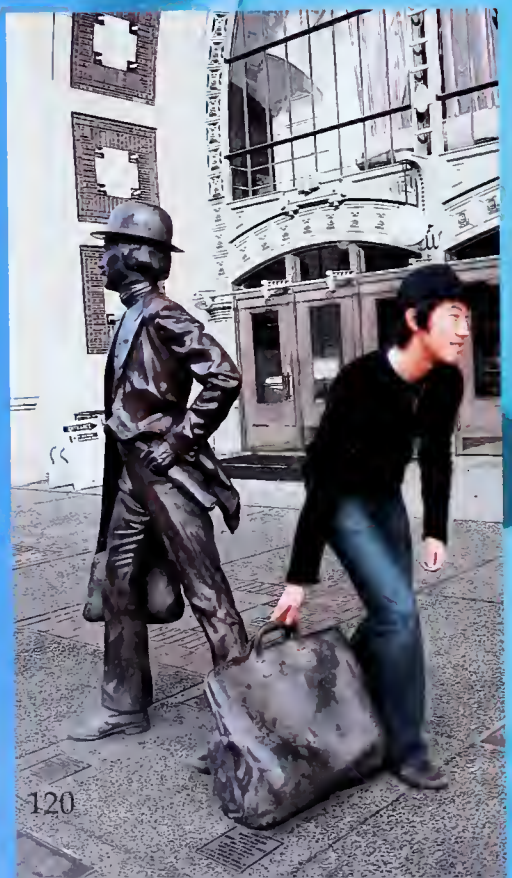

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BOARDING LIFE!

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BOLTON

Yet another year has finished, but I believe this year couldn't have been any better. As a lifer, along with Johnny, Jimmy, Chris, and Tim, this year has been very special and different. At the beginning of the year, the Gr.12s set the tone to make sure we start off strong and positive, and the boys responded well. The Penguins have united as a family, lead by the senior house parents Wendy, and Mr. Common, as Connor McKenzie quotes "Bad Boys for life." As the biggest boarding house, the diversity of cultures and interests has made the house a never settled place. On the first floor, you can find the two laziest boys Yuichi and Adrian constantly fighting with the houseparent for missing morning check-ins and illegal computers. Across the hallway, Paul and his giant German crew speaking like a machine gun and making everyone look tiny, and of course, Jason Chiu in the very back corner is probably solving the world's greatest mystery. Up on the second floor, as usual, the gamer crew always crowded in Cologne and Brian's room trying to make the world a better place through their fingers, Joe and Andy arguing about soccer while Masaki still have no idea what is going on for the past three years. On the third floor, the little grade 8s have the best attendance and room cleaning among the whole house as Mr. Common spent quite awhile trying to get everything under control. Throughout the year, the boys have many significant accomplishments as individuals, and as a big family. These include a student-run "Mother's Day" chapel service for all the boarding houses and of course our mother- Wendy Shergold, Masaki successfully made his come back to the rugby season, and Frank the Tank has grown 2 more centimetres for the past year. But above all, the boys have reclaimed the house cup at the end, and it makes the year even sweeter. At last, thanks to all the amazing house parents, without you, none of these could have happened. You guys are the BEST!!!!!

PENGUINS

Timmis

Timmis has had a very eventful year with 27 new students and the house cup victory. The house reputation maintained "most spirited" and although our attendance was a bit rocky, we made up for it with our efforts at house games. The year could not have been such a success without the help of our amazing house parents. Mrs. Anderson has always supported us whenever we needed her and with our new assistant senior house parent Michelle, we were able to meet the most enthusiastic little boy Ty and his trusty side-kick Jack. Not to forget the cutest new-born Peyton as well! Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Williams, Beth Anne and Kristin have also made the house a fun place to be and helped us in any way they could. Now as for the students—the real trouble-makers. Starting off on the first floor with Sarah and Brenda looking after the oh-so-busy Kaylynn and Priya—who are almost always accompanied by water polo star Selby. You may see Cleo around there too if not out playing field hockey. Also, the two tallest girls in the house were put up in one room together, Brittney and Hannah. Michelle and Natsumi were always the roommates with the most enthusiasm and positivity, no matter the time or day. Then there's Lyn and Cristina, who were definitely never late for housemeetings. Moving onto second floor, don't walk into Golf's room too loudly—she is most likely sleeping! Her roommate Clare, the fashionista, is the go-to person when you need to borrow something. Couldn't forget Julia and Ninnart, two of the very few girls who would always be working very quietly during every Prep. As for the crazy noise-makers on this floor, Isabel, Athina, Kat and Katherine, at least they have good taste in music! Then there's the roommates, Serena, who is usually always found on her phone, and Mue, always studying hard, and improving her English tremendously. Be careful when walking into Heather and Tsumugi's room—you may be blinded by the sparkling cleanliness. Yun Jeong, although missing KP, gets by in her room with late night visits from her friends. Adrienne, when not on Perez or shopbob.com spends her time with me yelling/throwing things out our window—our room is prime for this. On the final floor, Karen and Peyton clearly set the standard for organization. Emily, probably the most social person in the house, always finds fun in everything, even though she misses Nicky. Then there's Hanna and Bianca, who seem to always have the hottest room in the house. Yoon and Sylvia are usually always found together studying and quizzing each

other for their upcoming SATs. Saleha and Min Ha have the coolest red light that you can see all the way from Brown Hall! Finally, Irene, who is quite often found sitting on her bed listening to her roommate, Paige, playing a song on her guitar. This has been an unforgettable year and I know I speak on behalf of all the grade twelve's when I say I will really miss Timmis. Keep it up girls and don't forget that you're all RED HOT.

Harvey

This year, the guys of Harvey House really put the word 'brotherhood' to life. The months of September, all the way to June have been filled with joy, laughter, spirit, friendship and much much more. We have had countless memories, such as the Christmas Party with Symons and our beloved Santa Claus (Mr. Beck), winning Jr. soccer housegames 6-1, our traditional Harvey war cry and our impressive house cheers, the amazingly fun trip to the PNE, and our Harvey and Symons pool party where every single student and even house parent (except Bonnie) got dunked into the pool.

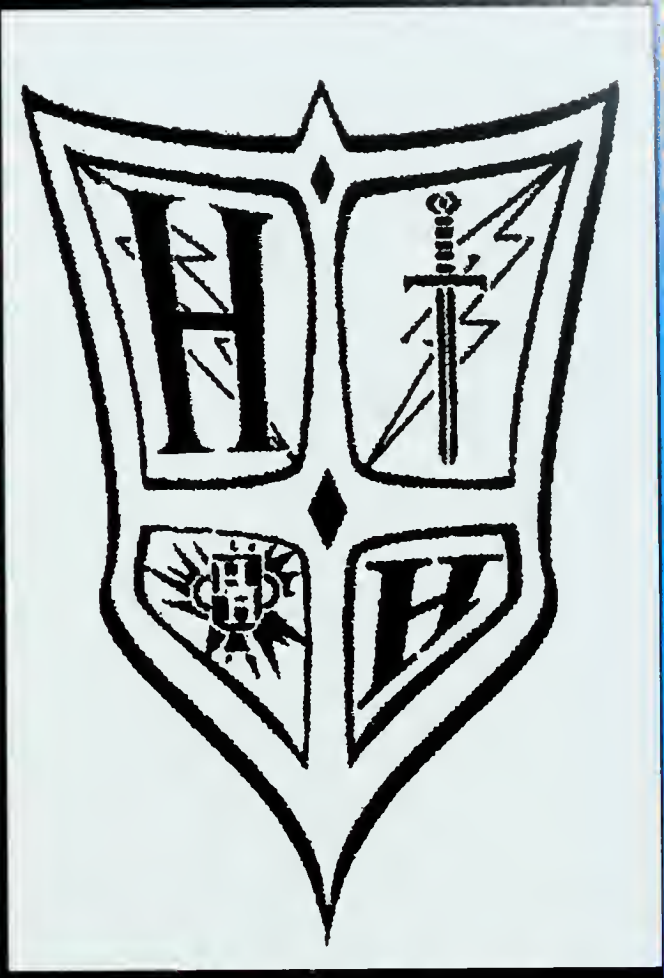
Each person has added personality to Harvey. Edward, Brandon, David Park, David Shin and Jeff Tak have kept the midnight poker games alive, while Andy, Rowan, Vikram, Henry, and Mark have started to compete in DOTA tournaments. While Steven has become one of the JabaaWocky's, David Shin has become our beloved supplier. Poor little Santi has taken countless playful beatings from Tak Ho Dae.
Ingemar, Sam, and Aidan kicked the Prefects butts in Halo, so we decided to LAN with Nick and Ernie in the Common Room after hours instead. Justin showed us how to order food and barbeque, and Kevi (the biggest bubble tea and samosa fan I know) showed us how to be LOUD! Thompson amazed us with his dancing and singing in Valentinapalooza, while William, the quiet French Soccer star amazed us on the field. Carlos was our newest addition to Harvey House, he fit in perfectly. Eric and Hisham taught the house how to play basketball. Alex Harvey, our Jamaican Red Stripe, brought plenty of personality into the house. Paul impressed us with his pool skills, Jonny was Justin's co-chef, and Anthony and Ryan kicked butt in house games. Ben and Johann, two polite, fun, Germans, brought a lot of responsibility into Harvey, and always respected other people's area. And last but certainly not the least, Kevin, Steven and Jesus put an endless flow of effort into this house; they have been three awesome, hardworking Prefects.

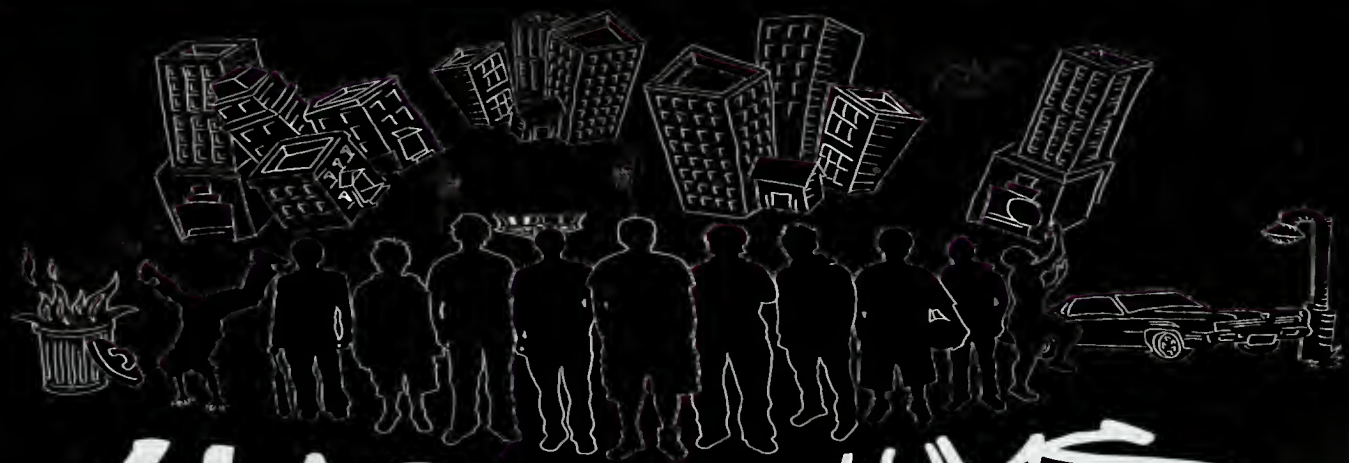
To our houseparents, Mr Beck, Mr. Hollingworth (Uncle B), Mr. Lilly, Mrs. Davison, Mr. Farish, Mrs. Beeston, and Mr. Klenz, we cannot thank you enough for what you have done for us. You have truly turned this house into our homes. Mr. Beck, you have been an awesome friend of mars, and we will really miss you, but as long as you know the code to the Harvey house is 413, our doors will always be open to you.

Santi, your fun attitude has raised the spirits in Harvey.
Ben, since the first month you brought so much into Harvey House. You contributed, and really cared.
To both of you and Mr. Beck, good luck next year, we will surely miss you. We hope that the Spirit of Harvey House will remain within your hearts.

To each and every Harvey House brother, you have made this year an unforgettable one, and for that, I thank you.

Kabir Daswani
Head of Harvey House





HARVEY HOODLUMS

SYMONS

This year in Symons House we did things a little differently...without an official head of house, our grade 12 leaders joined forces to keep spirit high and drama low..... Our Russian general Alfiya Mukhametzyanova kept busy playing pool this year, and took on a new role in the Kels, Alf, Juls trio, assisting star performer Juggling Kelsey, and her "female dog" Juls. Aleesha and Rimi, our notorious fashion queens kept their wardrobes up to date with the latest trends, and Aleesha no doubt had some memorable outfits! A quiet, but significant addition to Symons this year was our quintuple AP taker Hayley...if she wasn't busy studying away, someone else was surely making use of her brains! And of course the gorgeous Adora who always shared smiles. Although Carol disappeared for part of the year, everyone noticed she was back with her amazing performance at basketball house games; bopping and weaving through the significantly bigger girls to score countless baskets.

We wish we were not limited in this short summary of the year, because we have so many words to say about each of you Symons Superstars. So in as little words as possible, Thank you all for making this year so incredible! From the loudest chanting Mexicans and bouncy Bajans, to the witty and light-hearted girls who supported us through the hardest times of the year; you are each unique and special, and as graduating Superstars we will never forget you!

To the house parents, being a mum is a hard enough job with a reasonable amount of kids, so from your ridiculous number of daughters, WE LOVE YOU!

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BOOM!

Barnacle

Barnacle United had another year full of good times. We continued long-standing traditions like watching the salmon kings (although I think we were the first to go shirtless) and house dinners with Winslow (the Mint was amazing). Even though we didn't win the house cup, we did our best and definitely ended well with that memorable house cheer. We started new traditions like the epic Canucks party (even though the game wasn't that great!) and giving back to the community through events like the leaf rake. Throughout the year the Barnacle Boys defined the house with their talents, personalities and abilities. The first floor was home to an eclectic mix of juniors. Martin could tell you everything you need to know about Canadian coins. Alex and Mathew loved to make good use of the common room, gaming and watching movies on the new projector. Leo spent a lot of time in the gym improving his badminton game with Edmond and Calvin. I'm sure we will always remember Glen and Roger, who led the juniors to basketball supremacy under the watchful eye of masterminds Craig and Ryan MH. Ryan K spent his time drawing his soccer idols, admiring his collection of soccer shoes, or, on occasion, actually playing soccer. And who can forget the ever-energetic comedian Shawn. The second floor was always a flurry of activity. Calvin, Michael Z, Johnson, and Edmond did Barnacle proud and dominated the gaming scene in boarding. Guillermo and Jordan brought Latin flair to the second floor, filling the hallways with heated Spanish conversations. Justus and Patrick finessed their racquet skills throughout the year, playing squash almost every night. Yohan spent copious amounts of time on his hair and fashion selection, but it paid off because he was always looking good. Kobus and Daniel spent the year acting

either as the victims or the perpetrators of a prank. Addison and Jae Ho were always focused and studied hard this year, serenaded by Will across the hallway, singing and playing guitar at every opportunity. The third floor was the heart of the house this year. Although they slept for the greater part of the day, Robin and Yoo Shin were always available for conversation and company. Ryan MH followed his favourite sports teams throughout the year with passion, and was there to celebrate the Canucks exit from the playoffs. The American in Andrew sometimes clashed with Tomoya's patriotism for Japan; however they made a solid team and could always be counted on for energy during house games and to provide leadership within the house. Tom Z used his DJ talents to remix beats like none other and discover and produce talents like Brazilian rapping sensation Orlando. Soccer was Ben and Geordie's passion for most of the year, and the two always defended their clubs Chelsea and Man U. Last but not least, Won Yup wowed us all through "SMUS Got Talent" with his amazing Rubik's cube skills as well as significant contributions to the house. Each and every one of us will be remembered for our individuality, but we will also remember the things we did together, from late-night chats to house dinners. I hope the experiences that we shared together will stay with us for many years to come. Tom, Jordan, Patrick, and the rest of the grade 11's, I am sure you will lead the house well next year and hopefully you will capture that elusive house cup. 12's, thanks for a great year and for making my time at SMUS so memorable. Mr. Geddes, Ms. Brooke, Ian, Dave, and Nanyak, thank you for committing so much time to the house and supporting us in every way. Helping us focus academically is no easy task, and you did this while being great friends and giving us many opportunities to have fun as a group. Jamie, you have been a great friend to every Barnacle Boy for four years, and you will be missed. Barnacle has prepared me for the next stage in life by providing me with many valuable skills such as leadership and more importantly, with many great friendships and memories. I am grateful for the three years I spent here, in particular my grade 12 year as Barnacle Head of House. Best of luck next year and keep in touch!

Austin Thind

Winslow

It has been an amazing year for Winslow House. Even though we didn't win house games, the Winslow girls did an outstanding job, one of their best performances in a long time! Winslow is a very unique and special house. With 51 girls from all corners of the planet, there is always something happening in these halls. Each and every girl has contributed to the strong bond that we all have built and friends we will never forget. With the grade 8's loud voices in halls at check-in , the grade 9's twisted drama, the grade 10's incredible diversity, the grade 11's studious attitude, and the grade 12's midnight hall meetings , we have all contributed to years of memories. Thanks to the support of the house parents, new and old, leaving and returning, they have made our year(s) here pretty incredible. Winslow is a mix of everything from artists to musicians to athletes to girls with style. It's going to be hard to leave a house that we have all grown so close to and people we will always remember. Thanks Winslow for memories we will never forget.

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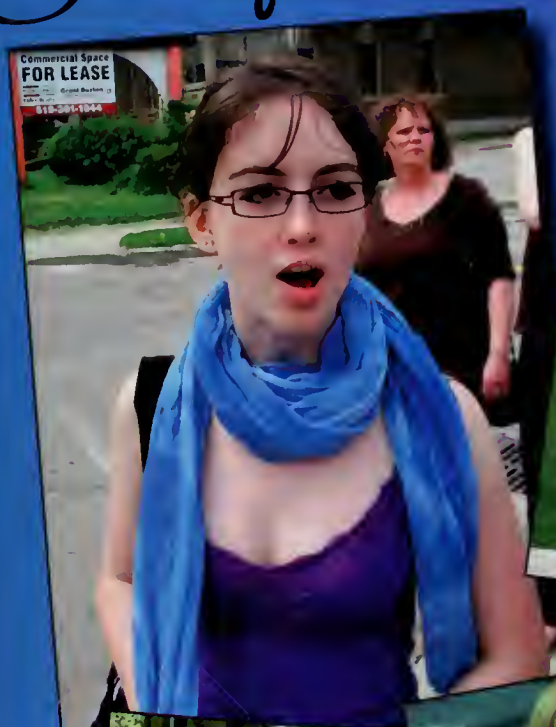

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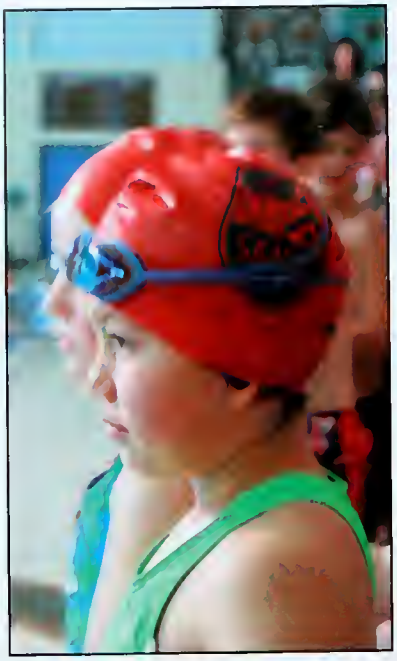
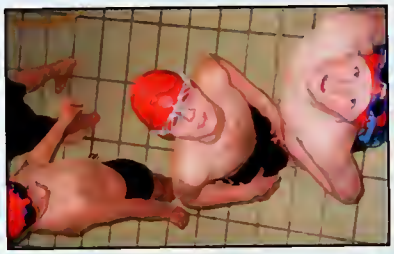
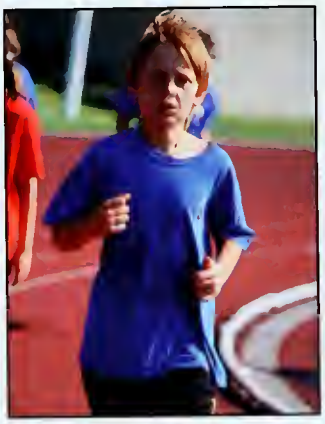


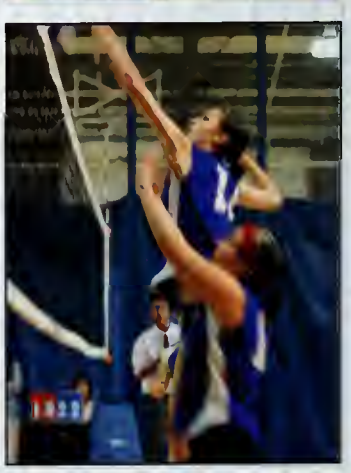




Senior Volley Ball

The 2008 season for the senior girls' volleyball team was a rollercoaster of positive energy and disappointing finishes. The highlight of the season was the Western Canadian Independent School Championship hosted at York House in Vancouver. Although the team was small in numbers for this elite, three-day tournament, they were enormous in spirit and played some of the best volleyball of the season. Despite our determination, the team finished at an upsetting 9th place by the end of the three days. The WCISC tournament earned Adrienne Jones an honorable mention for her passing and Shelby Boehm team MVP for her wonderful play and leadership throughout the tournament.

After a disappointing third place finish at the South Island Championships, the team headed into Island Championships at a disadvantage. Island playoffs began with the round robin play where SMUS placed third in our pool. Knowing that if they lost the important cross-over game the season would be over, the team came out firing and ready to play and earned themselves a spot in the semi-finals against Brentwood. Unfortunately, Brentwood applied heavy pressure with their serving and SMUS struggled with the three sets, losing a guaranteed berth to provincials. However, spirits remained high as they played PCS for the bronze. With Marlise Nussbaumer's decisive and accurate setting, and Samm Dark's aggressive hitting, the ladies won the best of five in three steady sets. The team was awarded the bronze medal and extended their season to compete for the wildcard berth for provincials. Shelby Boehm was named to the Island's First Team All-Stars for her strength and domination at the net.



After a difficult season, and when the team was at their peak performance, the team ultimately missed the opportunity to compete in the Wild Card Tournament for the last berth to the AA Provincial Championships. Despite the upsetting end to the season, the entire team should be commended for their hard work, efforts and dedication throughout the season.

Basket Ball

The Senior Boys basketball team entered this season with high hopes, returning a strong senior class including the dynamic guard duo of Bryan Sun and Tim Wu and the starting forward line of Francis Quinlan and Tom Bridger. This year's team also featured a strong grade 11 group, who had achieved success at the junior ranks and were eager to make the move up to the senior level. In particular, Jure Erlic, Jaime Yorath and Tycho Mommsen-Smith after strong junior campaigns were ready to make their mark for the SMUS Blue Jags.

This season saw flashes of brilliance from the SMUS boys, at times showing they were capable of playing with the best in the province. With wins over several provincially ranked opponents, and a strong preseason tournament showing, the boys entered the regular season with momentum, and wrapped up the season with a convincing home win against cross town rival Lambrick Park on the school's "spirit" day.

During their playoff run, the boys ensured themselves a trip to the Island Championships by upsetting South Island number 2 ranked Shawnigan Lake, and followed it up with a dominant performance against Gulf Islands School. At the Island Championships SMUS was again matched against powerhouse Ladysmith in their first game. The boys could not pull out the upset, and after soundly defeating Woodlands in their second game, the boy's season ended with a tough loss to a strong Cedar Secondary squad.

A very special thanks to the Grade 12's, who have poured their heart and soul into this program for four years, and a huge thanks to manager of the year, Michael Smith.

As SMUS returns 9 players next season, look out for big things from this basketball team in the 09-10 season.

The Senior Girls Basketball Team tipped off their season with a trip to the mainland in late November. This early exhibition series saw the team play three teams, defeating Clayton Heights and South Delta before losing to McMath. The early days showed much promise with the offensive prowess of gr. 11 wing, Sydney Stockus and the athleticism of gr. 12 forward, Shelby Boehm, controlling the boards.

After Christmas break, the girls reconvened for the annual New Year's Training Camp. Much progress was made, particularly on the defensive end as the team geared up for the second half of league play which featured two games against arch-rival, Lambrick Park. The first of the two games took place at SMUS on "Spirit Night". The Blue Jags did not disappoint their home court fans, taking early control of the game the Jags headed into half time up by just 4 points. The home team blew it open in the second half, as they picked apart the Lions' zone, coming away with a 51-40 victory. The final league matchup was much of the same. However, this time, the Blue Jags took it to the Lions on their home court, winning in a convincing style 57-36 behind the stellar play of Ceilidh MacLeod, Lauren Kipp and Sydney Stockus.

This incredible run would not end with there, the team headed into the Island Championships as the #1 seed, looking to earn a berth to the BC Championships. The team rattled off three straight wins, combining strong all-round play of the starters with the veteran leadership provided by Jasmine Yan, Rachel Davel, and Katherine Kohler, to hold their opposition to less than 40 points/game and capture the Island title and secure a berth to the BC's.

The Blue Jags entered the BC's as the #8 seed with an opening round matchup against Windsor of North Vancouver. Nerves and a lack of experience with competition at the highest level crippled the Blue Jags in the opening round game. Disappointingly, the team played flat and were unable to find any success around the basket, dropping the contest 45-34. Now on the consolation side, the Blue Jags played marginally better against the #16 seed, Smithers. SMUS won 65-42 behind the strong play of Shelby Boehm. Two more losses would finish the team's season, including an OT heartbreaker to Crofton House. Finishing with a record of 1-3 at the tournament, the team placed 12th.

Basket Ball

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Senior Girls

Sprains, cuts, scars, and bruises—the Senior Girls Soccer team kicked off their season with all of the above. Nearly every girl on the team left the first tournament in Chilliwack with an injury. The pulled ligaments and the torn muscles, however, were not enough to keep the team from a strong performance.

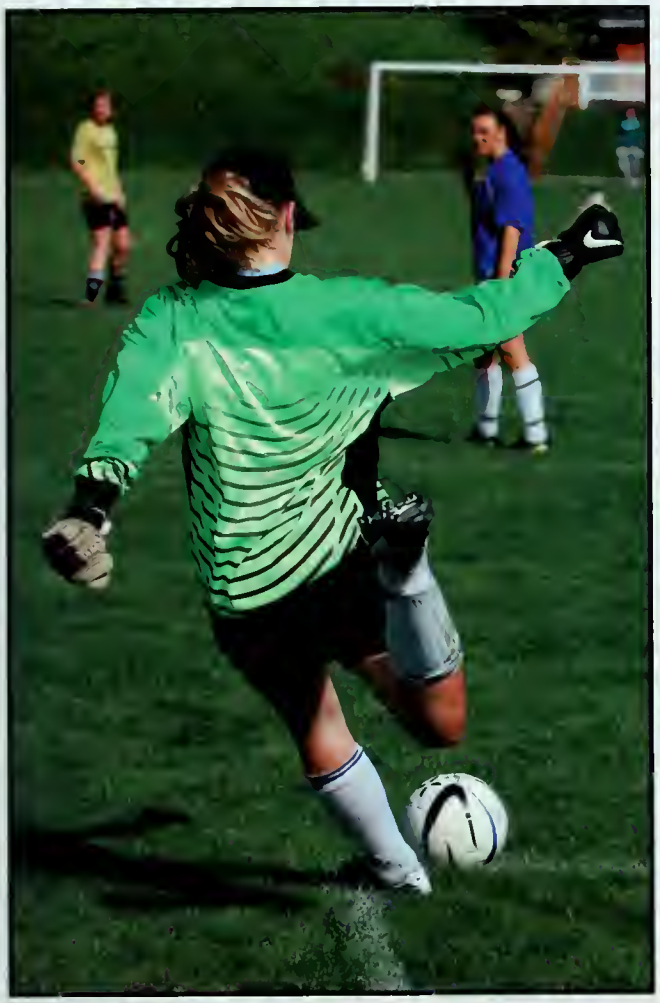
The girls didn't stop there; the following weeks were literally filled with games. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday the Senior Girls Soccer team battled other teams whilst still battling its own persisting injuries. Samm Dark, Shelby Boehm and Lisa Evans contributed to the offensive by scoring more goals than previously thought possible, as Kelsey Harbord, Ciara Glen and Talina Barsalou held the team together in the middle.

Thankfully, with the help of Matt (the team's athletic therapist) the girls began to recover from their injuries and the team continued to win. The defense was strong with Nikki van der Wal as the ever-vocal stopper and Laura Dale, Genna Prurcell and Ceilidh MacLeod on the outside. Lauren Kipp consistently performed as a stopper/central mid and her corner kicks were nothing less than impressive.

The SMUS Senior Girls Soccer team would have ended their regular season undefeated if it weren't for a 1-0 loss to Parklands in the last game before Islands. Despite the hard work from outside midfielders Anna Fretz, Charmaine Niewerth and Guiliana Bianco ,the team finished 4th in the league and were off to Islands to compete for a place in the 2009 Provincial Championships. As the team grew and the juniors earned themselves permanent places on the roster, success continued to find its way into the hands—or feet—of the Senior Girls Soccer team: after an enduring fourth game against Gulf Islands that ultimately ended with a victory for SMUS, the girls headed to Provincials as the number one team on the Island.

Expectations were high for this talented group as they travelled north to Campbell River—top nine, top five, provincial champions? They were determined to excel, determined to make history, and determined to play to the best of their ability as the whistle blew before each game. Of course, with a goal keeper as skilled as Olivia deGoede, anything was possible. The girls will always wonder what the outcome might have been had they made it to the final, they can all hold their heads high as they look back on the season. The team placed fourth in Provincials—a best ever finish for a girls soccer team at SMUS—and the team succeeded in raising the bar for the future.

On the sidelines, Manager Heather Roseblade, with her impeccable printing and her paper and pen, recorded each victory and each goal. She did not rest until all was written down. And while the 70's knowledge and the dance skills of the coaches, Nikki Kauffman and Wendy Shergold, are questionable, their coaching skills are undeniable. They worked together to create a team of champions. They drilled and they encouraged, they smiled and they screamed, but their advice and enthusiasm was greatly appreciated by all.



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Senior Boys Soccer

With a team of mostly new players, the season began with excitement and uncertainty. We were unsure how we'd perform this season, considering the less-than-stellar performance last year. As it turned out, however, the fresh blood from Grade 11 served to fuel our team and we showed well at our first tournament, the ISAs. The team reached the final, but unfortunately lost to St. Georges on a controversial penalty. This result, however, did little to dampen our spirits: we became a real threat in league play and qualified for the Islands. Our ambitious and aggressive attitude resulted in some suspensions, leaving us short a few key players as we entered the tournament. This, in addition to numerous injuries, left our team down but not out. We fought hard and were able to squeeze out a third place win against Gulf Islands, a result attributed to strong defence from both Tom Bridger and Luke McCloskey and a goal from Beau Parker to close them out 1–0. This win kept our season alive as we qualified for the AA Provincial Tournament. The team arrived in Vancouver unsure of the level of competition and suffered a quick, first round loss to Panorama Ridge who went on to win the tournament. The team bounced back and ended up playing Pitt Meadows for fifth place--the best we could do. It was an excruciating game, which went in to extra time. Luckily, we came out fast at the restart and surprised the opposition. After only twenty seconds, Charlie Southwell was able to find Beau Parker who pounded home the winning goal. In the end, our fifth place finish was well deserved and is an accomplishment we can all be proud of. Great job boys. VIVAT!

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Track & Field

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Track 2009

The local Track and Field season began with the Lower Island City League consisting of six meets, all held at the University of Victoria. Each week, a different selection of events were scheduled allowing athletes the chance to test themselves at a variety of race distances, as well as in throws and jumps, to develop the finer points of their events and to track their personal progress over the season. Even though the league meets were plagued with horrible weather conditions, many athletes persevered and qualified to the Lower Island and Island Championships. The Island Championship meet, from which athletes qualify for the Provincial Championships, took place May 20th-21st, and featured a very competitive field with representatives from over 40 schools involved. Although a number our athletes performed their personal bests, none of the SMUS athletes were able to finish in the top three to secure a berth to the Provincial meet. Nonetheless, there were some very strong performances posted by Leo Marchand, Austin Smith, Tyler Olson and Jocelyn Stedman in the middle distance events and James Mather and Sky Richards in the sprints. On the field side, the best individual performances were posted by Hannah Loeffler and Julie Shim.

Many of our competing athletes will be returning next year and will hopefully continue to develop their skills, challenge themselves and achieve new personal bests. There is a great deal of potential and talent in this group of athletes and I look forward to continued success next year. Best wishes to the graduating students and congratulations to all competitors.

Cricket

It has been another successful and busy year for the cricket squad and Mr. Cordle and Mr. Lilly have been very pleased with the strides that everyone has made in batting, bowling, fielding, and cricket etiquette. Our mid-week matches started at the end of April during weather that was better suited for skiing, but the team gelled quickly under the captaincy of Bhupinder Dulku and soon began to show its potential.

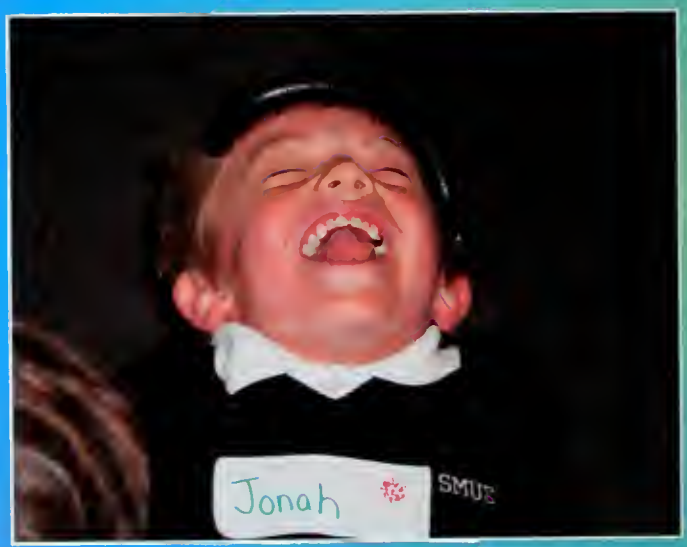
The early May game against the Alumni was one of the first highlights of season as the squad came up against a strong eleven that boasted national and ex-national team players. The sun came out for the game, fine catches were held, and steady bowling restricted the flow of runs. Despite losing, the team saw what the next level of cricket looked like and realised that they had the potential to reach it.

They showed this increased confidence in the remaining mid week matches and the fixtures against other schools. The school travelled to Stellys twice and defeated a young, enthusiastic, and talented Stellys team and followed that up with a hard fought win against a visiting Byrne Creek side, a notable result since Byrne Creek was and is one of the best school teams on the mainland. It was the first time we beat them in three attempts, and the victory was the result of a real team effort.

Back Row (from left): Mr. Graham Lilly, Name name, Name name, Nathan Haussman, Baldeep Dulku, Mr. Tony Cordle
Front Row: Karan Vats, Jamie Harris, Ben Effa, Bhupinder Dulku, Callum Davies
Not Pictured: Vikrum Sandhu, Gaurav Sekhon, Austin Thind

JUNIOR

THE BUG ZOO



SWAN LAKE

FORT LANGLEY TRIPS

With five BC U18 members and one additional Canada U17 performer in the ranks, pre-season expectations were, not surprisingly, very high for the Senior squad. A dominant early win over Oak Bay in the Boot Game seemed to reinforce this belief, with the final 29-13 score line in no way reflective of the 1st XV's complete dominance.

However, there were some cautionary signs on the horizon. First, cruel injuries to prop Masaki Kunimoto, lock Neil Hayden and fullback Beau Parker robbed the team of both skill and, as crucially, depth. Secondly, some indiscipline and inconsistent play from key seniors hampered development. Although the side managed a gritty 12-7 win over a talented Brentwood XV, decisive losses then followed to both Shawnigan and St. Georges. In the same period, against touring Blue Mountain GS from Australia, an avalanche of SMUS possession produced one measly try, while the visitors, on a beggar's ration of ball, scored three to win 19-5.

Happily, a return to basics and some good, old-fashioned values such as punctuality, dress and work ethic quickly righted the ship. On Alumni Weekend in front of an appreciative crowd, the team recovered from 8-7 down to rout Oak Bay 43-15. Next up was an even more impressive performance with the squad playing some scintillating rugby in defeating Earl Marriott 38-24 as part of the Island-Mainland "Super Saturday" crossover exhibition series. Against physically huge opposition, SMUS, through relentless ball support, slick passing and some extremely brave defence, carried the day and set down something of a standard for the remainder of the year.

Prior to the BC AAA Tournament, though not without some anxious moments, the team managed a further 31-10 win at Oak Bay in the Howard Russell Cup final. With the victory, SMUS entered the Provincials as #3 seed, and capable of a medal performance.

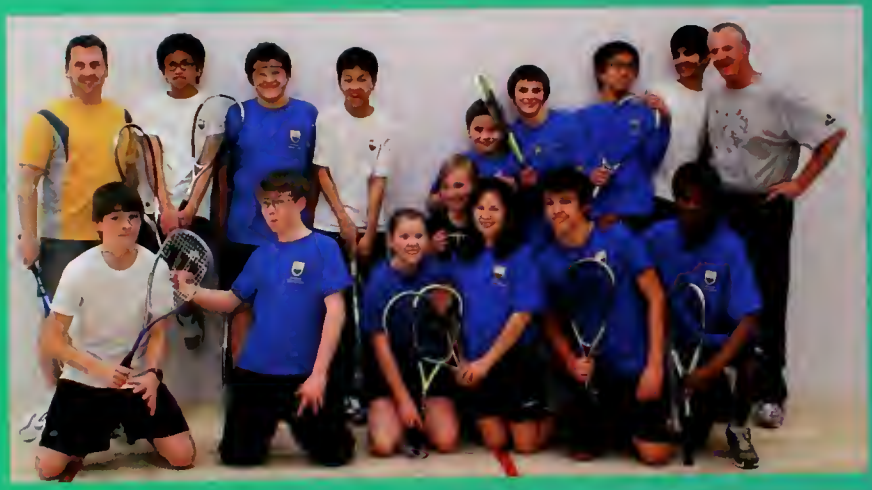
A gallant 2nd XV, shorn of players on too many occasions by 1st XV call-ups, nonetheless enjoyed its season playing with great spirit throughout and contributing importantly with a 17-12 Howard Russell semi-final win over Claremont.

Hopefully, the BCs will see a return to active duty by Kunimoto and Parker, and that a young SMUS team, featuring nine underclassmen in the starting XV, can upset the odds!

Senior Rugby

Junior Rugby

MIDDLE SCHOOL



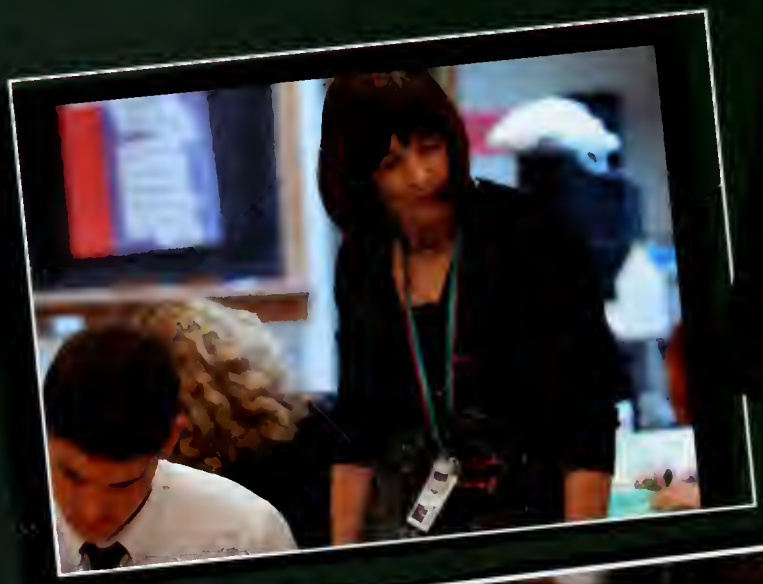
SQUASH

BASKETBALL

BIKE RODEO!

Outdoor Leadership

Class Candids



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Scholars in Residence

Rosalind Wiseman

New York Times best-selling author Rosalind Wiseman, whose writing inspired the movie Mean Girls, came to speak to students about everything from dealing with cliques to media awareness

Sara Topham

Yoko Takashima

Nancy Slaght

AP Studio Art and Grade 10 Art students had the opportunity to work with acclaimed pastel artist Nancy Slaght

Memory Mdyetseni and Christie Johnson

Lori Johnston from War Child Canada visited the school to speak about how wars around the world impact the lives of children and to thank SMUS. students for all the fundraising work they have done for her organization

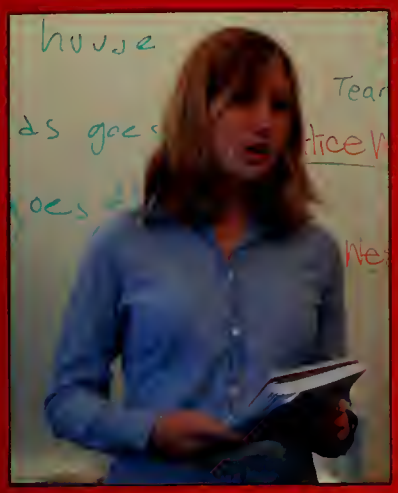
Lori Johnston

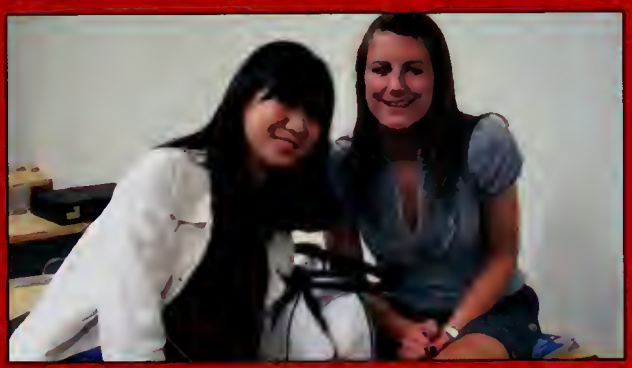
English literature and creative writing students were thrilled by a visit from performance artist Baba Brinkman

Baba Brinkman

SMUS Senior Rugby was fortunate to have another national coach pay a visit to the school. Loffreda, an icon in the rugby world, is considered the mastermind behind Argentina's third-place finish in the 2007 Rugby World Cup.

Marcelo Loffreda





The debate season had a colourful start with five students attending the World Debate Championships in Washington, DC — obviously [illegible]. The team returned between sessions concerning crowds and release in the historical sites of the country's capital, including at [illegible] experiencing the White House. Next, we formed the first mixed Island Government of the season at SMUS and then attended the UBC [illegible] Tournament at Spartacian and Mulgrave followed. At Regionals at BCS, we had two students qualify for Provincials in Prince George. At the Provincials, Chris Circuit and Dan Prokop were the junior team award. Kameron Connell and Charles Lam also qualified for Nationals in Regina, Saskatchewan. We ended the year by participating in Mock Trials at the Victoria Court House. Along all these fantastic events and accolades, a Fond Farewell to our senior graduating seniors. We would like to add a special thanks to Mr. Hayden for his many years of tireless service as our debate coach.

DEBATE

Grad

Brett Adam

When I first found out I had to leave my life in White Rock to move to Victoria, I was reasonably upset, to say the least. I tried the Victoria life out for a bit, and then moved back to White Rock. I tried the White Rock life out for a bit, and then moved back to Victoria. I had realized how lucky I was. I got to live two completely separate lives; that means double the girls of the average guy!! When I came to SMUS halfway through grade 11, I was the quiet, mysterious new kid. It wasn't until grade 12 I showed my true, embarrassing self (Valentine's Day). I'm still going to remember all my buddies in White Rock, but I'll definitely remember everyone who welcomed me at SMUS. Thanks Kel. Backstreets Boys 4 lyyyyfe.

Sarah Aukersen

Coming to SMUS for my first and final year was a tough but worthwhile decision. Living away from home for the first time has revealed aspects of my character I didn't know existed and has helped me discover who I am. Not only have I had the opportunity to learn from amazing teachers, but I've been exposed to a completely new environment. Culture shock and homesickness aside, I'm grateful to have been able to make new friends and live in a community of people with similar goals and interests– for the most part– through boarding I've learned that not everyone needs as much sleep as I do! Part of this experience has been learning about others and the other part has been learning about me. Good luck to all the Grads of 2009- I hope you come away from this year with as much as I have.

Olev Anniko

My years at SMUS have been long and for the most part enjoyable. There were the high times and the low times, the good times and the bad times. In the last few years at SMUS I have learned that you must choose those who are close to you very carefully. My family, regardless of my questionable behaviour has always been there for me. I will never forget the support and wisdom they shared with me. No matter what challenges have faced me I have almost always found answers by talking to my insightful peers wandering the campus. No matter where life takes me I will always have the knowledge my time at SMUS provided me.

Rachael Baptiste

My second and last years at SMUS has been one of the best academic experiences of my life. SMUS has truly given me and outstanding preparation for higher learning and for life. To God, You are always there for me even through the tough times; all the glory goes to You, You are awesome! To my grandma, thank you for letting me stay here to get me to where I'm supposed to be, and thank you for your undying prayers. To all of my teachers for the past two years, you all have had a significant impression that will be indelible on my heart for the rest of my life. Thank you for your patience with me even though I was sometimes boisterous and rambunctious! To all of my friends: Emily Reid, Andy, Vaughan , Jake, Candice, Alfiya, Musu, Mel, Anna, Marlise, Laura, Sheena, Bhupinder, Dorotheee, Bret, Gaurav, Sun Wo, Chris, Kenzie, Ayla, Hanna L., Alison, Lulu, Geordie, Richard, Jacob, Kaleigh, Chanel Fanel!, Ander, Jure, Rev, Ashley, Bryan, Mrs. Abrioux, Pat , Jake K., Daniel B., Lauren K., and Rui Fu: "Don't gain the world and lose your soul, wisdom is better than silver or gold." (Bob Marley)

Colin Beban

Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not. ~George Bernard Shaw

Amuel Bhinder

My years in high school have been some of the best years of my life. I've enjoyed sweet days of simply hanging out with some friends, or just lounging around doing nothing but watching TV. Whenever my friends and I spoke about the past, we always talked about the good ole days, saying how awesome it was back in grade 9 to 11. But in truth, these very days that at times may seem so stressful, are in fact the good ole days. During high school we experience so many new things, whether they are good or bad. All these moments, situations, experiences are our introduction to a brand new kind of life. One where we no longer have mommy or daddy to stand by us and tell us what may be right or wrong. As I said, these very days are the good ole days, even though at times they may not feel that way. In 5 or 10 or even 50 years from now, we will look back at our lives to these very days and say to our friends, "Eh man, remember the good ole days?"

Shelby Boehm

Coming to SMUS was one of the best decisions I've ever made. I've learned so much about people and many valuable life lessons.Two years ago arriving on the steps of Timmis, I had no idea what to expect. I couldn't be more grateful for everything I have been through, or for the people that have been there for me throughout the past two years. Thanks to all of you who have always been there for me! You have made my life a memorable experience. Thanks to Heath and Adj for being there for me through thick and thin. To all the amazing coaches I have had over the past two years, thanks for helping us achieve everything we've wanted. Tom, thanks for being there for me for the past two years, I couldn't have done it without you. Spence- thanks for your great words of wisdom. To my parents, thanks for all of your support and encouragement throughout my life. You have pushed me athletically and academically and I am so lucky to have such amazing parents. Grads of 2009, good luck wherever your future may take you.

Melissa Bosworth

My name is Mell and I'm here to tell you about the 6 years at SMUS that went by so fast. And the memories I've made that surely will last.
My teachers I thank you for pushing me so hard, my family you supported me right from the start.
But the people that got me here to the end are my remarkable, crazy, everlasting friends.
First there is Tim, who's never a bore. But I've always got Char who I love a little more.
Then there's Bryan, who's always crying. While there's Rui who's always smiling
Next there is Colin. And then there's Johnny who's always lolling
Jake likes to make his songs. Lauren, Steffi and I laugh all night long.
Andrew and Steve are part of the crew. Hanmi I know I always got you.
I never fret when I'm with Brett. And I got Paul to always call.
Lastly is Roo, who's been with me from the start. I'll love you always from the bottom of my heart.
These are some of my friends, we all go to SMUS. Grad class 09. I love all of you!

Kyle Bridge

Joining SMUS in grade six was probably one of the best decisions I have made in my life. Through the last seven years I have made many friends, some who will be graduating with me, some who have already and more who have yet to do so. Although my main attraction to the school was the tuck shop I have learnt so much more, this school is really the best there is. Going on rugby tour in grade 11 and the grade 10 exchange to Australia are two of the most memorable moments of my time at SMUS. So as I move on to the world and as I leave this place behind and say good-bye, remember me as KB.

Thomas Bridger

It's impossible to sum up my 13 year life at SMUS in one paragraph. It started with crying into my mom's shoulders on the first days of kindergarten to thinking the higher my hair was jelled the cooler I was, to now trying to say goodbye to the only thing I've ever known. My goodbye with SMUS will be a sad one and I will never forget all my amazing and life changing experiences I have endured. To all of my boys, no one will ever make me laugh or act as ridiculous as we have over the years. The Briggs will embrace you all with open arms with pizza pops and hyphy music always. I want to thank my parents for allowing me to grow and become who I am on my own while providing me with non-stop support. To Em and James, thanks for showing me the ropes and helping me follow in your legacies. To Shelby, you have made me so incredibly happy these past two years and have taught me so much about myself and about life. Thank you SMUS. Someday my kids will tear it up here too.

Jessie Cai

As I am writing this grad write-up, I realize that it's finally the time to say goodbye to my high-school life. I still remember the nervous feeling about meeting my roommate on the first day in boarding, trying to find my way to all the classes on the first day of school, having sleepovers and midnight talks till the morning, and being late to almost all my morning classes...Thank you to the special people (you know who you are) who were beside me through my ups and downs. I've made it! Without these people, I wouldn't have survived these 3 years. Thank you to the friends who gave me the best memories. Special thank you to my roommate for bearing my emotional changes and messiness for 2 years. I would never forget the plugged toilets, crazy photos, loud singing during the middle of the night, and the talks we had. A big thank you to my teachers and especially, my family for the unlimited support and care. Thank you for making all this happen! Good luck to Grad 2009!!

Sheena Campbell

This is it. 2009 actually came; it seemed like it was always too far away to think about. I came to SMUS in grade seven not really knowing how amazing these years would be. I've been so lucky to have a really close group of friends there with me through all of high school. Lynne, Emma, Patricia, Kirsten and Lexi, I love you so much. I don't think I could have kept relatively sane without you. I've had amazing memories from the four years of SMUS musicals thanks to my friends, Benji, Terra, Rosie, Jane, Emily. You're the reason I kept doing it.

Johnny Chang

Karl Marx: The philosophers have only interpreted the world in various ways; the point is to change it.

Kelly Chang

After four years at SMUS, I want to thank many people. Thanks to Vicky with whom I share the most exciting memories regardless of how much trouble we could have gotten into if we ever got caught. And to Alice who was always the one to embrace my whining with a big smile. You are the sweetest person I know. And to Emily, the smartest and of course, the best friend I ever had, I 'm sure you'll never have a friend like me at UPenn. And Rebecca, although a year was enough for you and me to be close, I feel bad that I didn't know you earlier. And Rimi, you've always been the best person to laugh with. And my sincere thank-you's to the teachers who have taught me. Especially to Mrs. Rajotte who is so caring as to give up her personal time for us and later panic about the missed appointment. And to Mr. Keble who is certainly the most enthusiastic teacher despite his back pain. And to so many others, I feel lucky to have you all to be thankful to as I graduate.

Calvin Cheng

It was not too long ago that I waved to my parents and set foot at SMUS. The magnitude of change for being a boarding student at SMUS, after living in such an enriched environment with my parents for 15 years, has been prominently great. The feeling of being surrounded by strangers was certainly overwhelming at first. Yet through spending three years at SMUS, eventually I made it out of my parents' cordial arms and into the fulfilling life of high school. I would like to extend my foremost gratitude to my parents, who have worked days and nights paying my school bills, and have called me 7 times a week, 30 times a month for 3 years. I would also like to thank all my friends for accompanying me these years, you have been an essential pillar of my life and I'll never ever forget about the times we spent together. It is time for me to wave goodbye to SMUS; my final wish is to keep in touch with all my friends and a teachers I have met here. Best wishes Grad 09.

Aleesha Cheta

Winston Churchill: Perhaps it is better to be irresponsible and right than to be responsible and wrong

Johnson Cho

Four years living and studying at SMUS have gone so fast; I cannot believe that this is my last year. The experiences that I have gone through make me the person I am right now. Thanks so much to all those who have never stopped believing in me and who have always been treating me the same in a good way. First, I want to give big thanks to my family, I don't know what I would end up being without them. I feel extremely lucky. And then, to all my friends, especially Sylvia, Tim, and Bryan, thank you guys so much for supporting me whenever I had problems. You guys are the best! Thanks so much for all the good times. Without you guys, my SMUS life wouldn't be so perfect. Also, I want to thank all my ex-girlfriends. Thank you guys so much for going out with me, I learned a lot. Lastly, to some of the teachers, thank you for treating me the same way as usual after what happened last year, especially Mr. Snowden; thank you so much for giving me the second chance to make myself a better person.

Yoo Shin Choi

I cannot believe that three years have gone with the blink of an eye. Experiences that I had to go through at SMUS were certainly painstaking. However, those experiences that once looked utterly stressful now remain as nostalgias. First of all, thanks to my dad, mom, and my sister. Without your support, I cannot imagine where I would be right now. Now, to my dear Korean Barnacle boys (Won Yup, Jae Ho, Patrick), we have gone through rough times and sweet times together. I will only take memorable times with me, so you guys better keep your friendships together forever. Oh, I definitely cannot forget about you, David Park. I hope our friendship will last forever like you talked about from time to time. "TELL ME" crews (especially to Andy and Kevin) and "Big Bang" crews (Min Ju, Sarah, and Julia, Andy, YoHan, Paul) Thanks for working together, and eventually our efforts will shine at the end. Lastly, I want to appreciate my Lord. Thanks for always staying with me, and giving me wise advice when I am in great need.

Yun Jeong Choi

At Graduation you wear your square-shaped mortarboards. My hope is that from time to time you will let your minds be bold, and wear sombreros. ~Paul Freund

Nicholas Chow

I've had a great 3 years at SMUS, and it has been a life changing experience... Being in boarding has been very exhilarating and it has been great meeting new housemates every year. To all my friends still at school, good luck, and keep in touch. Also many thanks to all my teachers for all they have done for me. Many thanks to the houseparents who looked over me during this period. Special thanks to my mom, without her, I would not be here. To all my Harvey Housemates, its war time, so don't stop winning.

Brendan Chwyl

As I complete my 4th and last year at SMUS, I must thank my family for their support, my teachers for the education they have provided, and my friends for a memorable time. My experience at SMUS was deeply enhanced by all of you. I wish you all the best and hope to see you again in the near future.

James Coates

My most noteworthy memories at SMUS were undoubtedly with my Bolton Boys. From Project Gotham to the rugby pitch, my short twelve months in boarding were unforgettable and well worth it. I had never thought it possible to learn so much, and to refine my knowledge to such an extent, in such a short period of time. Without my erudite teachers, knowledgeable house parents, accepting friends and nameless guardians, this year would not have been nearly as fulfilling. In my future years I hope to have explored the corners of the world, studied medicine, and have left behind a legacy. My message to the graduates of 2009 is to hold on to the ethereal times which we have all experienced. Remember these times in order to be able to laugh through the trials and tribulations. Live life to the fullest and aim for the stars—at the worst, you land in the clouds. Primum non nocere.

Chris Colquhoun

When I first came to SMUS in grade 8 I would say that there was no way I'd end up gradding here... But here I am - eating my own words. I won't forget everything that SMUS has given me, and all the friendships I've made here. What I'll miss most of all are the late nights in boarding with all the Bolton guys playing cards and Super Smash Bros. Good luck to everyone with their futures, and eventually I'm sure we'll cross paths again. Congratz Grad '09!!!

Candice Cooper

Now is the time for us to shine, a time when our dreams are within reach and the possibilities are vast. Now is the time for us to become the people we've always dreamed of being. Congratulations class of 09. Thank you to my brother Tristan, my angel and mother Debbie, my dad Richard and my step mom Justine for making my possibilities endless. "Give me a fish and I can eat for a day, but teach me to fish and I can't eat for a lifetime". Thank you to all of my teachers, you taught me how to fish. To all my friends and family: "The best part of life is when your family becomes your friends and your friends become your family."

Megan Cooper

To summarize my years at SMU in a short paragraph? Impossible. These past seven years have been a whirlwind! So many memories have been made at this school, and not one do I regret! Mom and Dad, no matter how many looks I give you, you know I love you; thank-you for giving me this opportunity. I'm so lucky to have you two there for me! Kezz and Brett, you guys have guided me in the right direction, I love you both! Girls, you are more than I could ask for, couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. Boys, you have made it so much fun. I will miss you all! It's only the beginning; it's now our turn to get out there and experience the world. Make every bit of it count. Much love to all of you! Good luck.

Jonathon Cunningham

My life at SMUS has given me the best years of my life. Amid the studying and classes, or lack thereof, I remember the iconic moments of high school. I won't ever forget the mid-day raves with Iovani and friends. I won't ever regret my days clad in sweats and slippers, sleeping in the library and getting made to change in English class. I have to mention Jenny, my smurf blue Geo that did more than drive me to school. She got me into trouble and was a catalyst for strong relationships. Even the trivial will never leave me. I am proud of my Slurpy King title and of my late night directions, and I won't regret taking off this uniform. Thank you to my friends, of whose company I will never tire. Thank you to my teachers; your influence has made me who I am. Thank you to my family for support that never wavered. Miklos, glow-in-the-dark monkeys are not real!

Geordie Dafoe

"Emancipate yourself from mental slavery, none but ourselves can free our minds." -Bob Marley

Samm Dark

I can't believe that 3 years here at SMU has gone by so quickly. I can remember my first day as a new boarder in grade 10. I have made amazing friends and had experiences that I will never forget. I thank my parents for everything they have done to help me get where and become who I am today; thanks to my teachers and coaches for putting up with me, and to my house parents for supporting me through a lot. SMUS has been a positive experience in my life academically, socially and athletically.

Kabir Daswani

What? It has already been four years?! These years have sped by... I still remember when I was a small little grade nine, and now already graduating? Well, that just means that my time here has been fun... more than fun. My four years at SMUS have been filled with laughter, excitement, enjoyment, frustration, memories, meeting new people, making new friends, and trying new things. Hanging out with Tomoya, Jesus, and all my Harvey brothers. Late nights chats with Kevin Lin, Nick Chow, those two grade 11's and that favourite houseparent of ours.

Thanks to all my teachers and houseparents, Mr. Klenz, Mr. Humphries, Dom, Mr. Farish, Murg, Beck, Mr. Lilly. To Mom and Dad, Thanks, I love you.

These times have been the best of my life so far... Man I'm going to miss it... all my friends, the great Harvey and Symons crew, the hanging out, the weekends downtown, the late nights, the procrastination... but it's time to move on, another journey awaits. Good Luck to everyone. These four years of my life I can never forget.

Rachel Davel

I can't believe the end has finally come. I've been at the school for so long now that I can't imagine SMUS not being a part of my life. I remember my parents sitting me down on the front steps of the Junior School, letting me decide where I would begin my education. The SMUS tartan tunics had me won over, hands down. Originally one of eighteen bouncing "Kindi-kids," I have grown to be who I am today. I will never forget the journey that brought me here. I feel like I've seen the World. I've been stressed. I've been bald. I've starved myself for 30 hours. I've sung every verse of The Twelve Days of Christmas at our annual assembly. It took me nine years to figure out vibrato. All my absences are basically due to basketball. Sometimes I respond in French or Japanese...it just happens. Life just happens. Growing up just happens. I'm glad that I grew up at SMUS. I owe so much to so many people: my parents, my teachers, my friends. Now I'm ready for a new beginning. Best of luck.

Callum Davies

Despite having only three years at SMUS, I can definitely say they went by too fast. Since the first day, the school has made an excellent impression, and I am glad to have been a part of it. Many thanks go to my parents, friends, various teachers, all the other amazing people I met along the way. The established school community has, in my mind, done its best to promote a high degree of education, service and personal excellence, even 'passion and compassion...' To sum this experience up, unable to decide on the right quote, all I can say is that it can't be forgotten. Now for university and the rest of life! Good luck to the rest of the grad class, and have fun!

Olivia de Goede

After an amazing nine-year journey through SMUS, I leave this school with my hair a little darker, my voice a little louder, my mind a little wiser. I have great memories. From questionable interactions with trees and getting into trouble in Junior School to lots of drama and embarrassing lampshade games in Middle School to the frantic studying and chill times in Senior School, the experiences I've had here will stay in my mind forever. To my friends, thanks for the fun times and I will always remember you. To my best friends, I won't need to remember you because we'll always be in touch. To my teachers and coaches, thanks for your advice and for making me work harder. To my family, thanks for tolerating my personality for seventeen years and counting; I love you.

"Well I been thinking about the future/But I'm too young to pretend/It's such a waste to always look behind you/Should be lookin' straight ahead"; Jet.

Congratulations, Grad '09; thanks to your crazy selves, it's been so much fun.

Andrew Dorman

Yes, my four years of studies at SMUS have prepared me for university. But when I look back on my high school experience, it is not the time in the classroom that I will remember most vividly, but my years in Barnacle House and the moments with friends. Rooming with Tomoya made the years entertaining and the houseparents made it difficult. Brown Hall: I will never forget you. Thank you staff for your undivided commitment, thank you Pops for financial support and thank you Momma for always being there. Good luck Grad 09 and keep in touch!

Bhupinder Dulku

It's hard to believe that we are all graduating. It seems like it was only yesterday that we were all walking through the middle school doors for the first time. I joined the SMUS community in grade six – a small, nervous student about to experience private school life for the first time. These past seven years have been full of memorable people, moments, jokes, sports, tests, and parties - but most importantly friends. Thanks to "Classy Chwyl", Evan, Gaurav and Amrita for "surviving" the gravel parking lot. To Ben for an awesome Japan trip – we still need to finish those plots. To Jon, Colin, Miklos and Kevin for all those hilarious conversations; and Alastair sorry for never giving you that grad photo spot. To the cricket team, thanks for a great four years – we all know why that newspaper page was stuck together. To my family thank you for all your care and support; if it wasn't for you, I would have never become the person I am today. Finally remember grad, wherever you may be, to "live, laugh and have fun; you only live life once."

Lauren Dunn

Thank you to my friends and family– you have made these four years of high school a lot more enjoyable than just exams and textbooks. Thank God for morning spares, drivers' licences, and understanding teachers; I hope we're all ready for the real world. Good luck class of 2009!

Steffi Duvenage

Wow, I can't believe we did it! This is it, the last moments we will all get to spend together. I am so happy that my last five years were spent with the most amazing people. To my friends who were with me during the great times, thank you! To my friends who were there during the bad times, I thank you even more. But most of all, I thank the people who were there for me at home when I got up being grumpy or when we sat around the table crying with laughter. We have been given opportunities, and taught by amazing teachers, but best of all we have been introduced to unique people that I know will one day go somewhere. This is us, leaving SMUS behind and each of us moving onto something of our own. Remember guys: "Always keep your destination in mind" – (Mrs. Abrioux), whether it is proving a trig identity equation or deciding what your wedding dress is going to look like. Grads, go for gold! PS. I love you!

Ben Effa

We spend our lives heavily structured, the focus forever on progression; on achieving one thing simply in order to begin the next. From one page to the next, one grade to the next, and often just one day to the next. One year becomes two; two, three and so on, until the finale: Grade Twelve. We have reached the edge of the world as it were; we now truly peer into the mist beyond. For so long, life has been gearing up for this year. This moment, when the world flips, the top becomes the bottom and we start climbing up again. It seems so hard to imagine life beyond the frame of reference SMUS has given, but that said, it is time. The thing about climbing is that everything below, good or bad, has somehow brought us higher. To those who have helped to bring me higher, thank you. To my friends: memories fade but experiences never will. To my family: Thank you for everything. I love you guys. To my best friend: You are such a bright light in my life. Cheers, and all the best for the future!

Alastair Fehr

Thanks to my teachers, friends and family.
See you all in 10 years, but only if I'm adequately accomplished and successful to brag about being so.
Good luck, grad '09.

Emily Feng

Coming to SMUS was one of those life-changing events for me. I have always been searching for challenges and moving to Canada was a chance for me to explore the world and fight for what I believe in. To all the teachers at SMUS, I'm grateful for everything I've learned, thank you. Grads 2009, I'm so glad to be part of this talented group, thank you. A huge shout out to my Timmis ladies. You are all way TOO HOT! To those who were kind enough to offer me help through my struggles to become a filmmaker, thank you. Lastly my gratitude to my family, especially my mom: thank you for being my best friend. You are the reason why I'm who I am right now. I never knew that the end of high school was such a big deal until I came to SMUS and realized that it's now the time for me to decide my own path. Not only did I have an amazing time at SMUS, I also gained more courage to discover the world and become a more independent person. I am ready to face what comes next. Best of luck, Grad 2009.

Liz Fenje

Thank you to family, friends and teachers, whose support and love made school a fantastic experience!

Good luck Grad 2009; all the best to you in whatever you do next. Look back to St. Michaels for inspiration and then be bold, take risks and dream big!

Grad Fashion Show

Reilly Fong

Well it looks like my invigorating adventure at SMUS has finally come to an end. It's hard to believe that 7 short years have passed since I first stepped onto the ever-changing campus. First off I would like to give a big clichéd "Thank You" to everyone; to my loving parents with their unconditional support; to all my persistent, yet inspiring teachers and to (almost) every one of my peers. Furthermore, to my friend, thanks for all of your help, keeping me entertained with random pointless discussions, spinning coins, blowing paper across the library tables, surprisingly amusing card games, tuning violins, eating Chewys, losing The Game ... along with countless other memorable activities and incidents. Cheers for the Grads of 09! It is the end...of the beginning.

Do not follow where the path may lead. Go, instead, where there is no path and leave a trail. ~Ralph Waldo Emerson

Riordan Forsyth

Anna Fretz

After having spent weeks pleading with my parents to let me go to SMUS, they finally agreed to enrol me for my grade eight year – and now they wish they'd started me long before that. Our school has not only provided me with an outstanding and holistic education, but also amazing resources and memories – with friends, peers, team mates, coaches and teachers (particularly in the Chemistry and Physics departments). I will never forget these memories and experiences. I hope everyone uses the incredible education and opportunities SMUS has given them to their fullest, and for the betterment of others and our world. Thank you to my parents who made this all possible, and didn't trade in my SMUS experience for their dream Audi A6 Sport – it's definitely been worth it.

Rui Fu

And the last days of SMUS roll by. Of course we all anticipated our last year and university. Still the feeling is strange when leaving years of context behind.
I would thank my teachers for their patience and my friends for putting up with me.
Never again will I be so satisfied with the monotonous routine of school: the hideous alarm clock, the high-speed breakfast, the morning classes and the sliver that is recess, the Brown Hall lunch, the various meetings, the afternoon periods, the weekday homework hours and the weekend laundry hours...

Laura Gilmore

Despite the mountains of homework that I have had to conquer and the numerous chocolate-chip cookies consumed during late night study sessions, there has been no shortage of excitement in the years that I have spent at SMUS. From the exciting school wide events to epic hikes with my gals on the "Juan de Puca", I have loved every moment of my SMUS experience. To my friends, thank you for making my years at SMUS so amazing! The memories of your goofiness and our various shenanigans will be treasured always. I already miss you! To my teachers, thank you so much for your dedication, kindness and inspiration. Your funny stories will be fondly remembered. And lastly, to my family, who I love with all my heart, thank you for working so hard to send me to a school where my opportunities are limitless and any dream for my future is reachable. Now, Grad 09, it's time to trade in our playground duds for caps and gowns! The real world awaits! Let's knock 'em dead! VIVAT!

Kristijan Gjorgjevik

Yes we can. So said Barack Obama, and so said the Grad Class of 2009. Well, who would've known it: yeah, we sure could. But don't get too excited yet—now comes the hard part. With the economy in shambles, and being rebuilt about as fast as Afghanistan, we new civilians of the 21st century have much to be wary of...

But enough about politics. This is about ME! As I receive this Oscar of graduation, I'd like to thank my parents, for their love and care; my friends, for their love and care; and of course, Mr. Liggett, for his blatant classicalist propaganda. You have made me the man I am today. But really, thanks to all my teachers. Enduring an opinionated debater in class can be tough, I'm sure, but sometimes it is essential to endure difficult times in the short-run (my presence) for long-term benefits (the memories of me that will last a lifetime!) Thanks to my debate coach, as well, who found it so utterly sad that I skipped a year of high school that he felt compelled to leave the school with me, this very year.

All the best to the Grad Class of 2009 and 2010! Let us brave through these tough economic times with passion, compassion and above all: a wallet.

Nicole Godwin

We took chances, made mistakes, experienced a lifetime of laughs; we did the insane, terrifying, riveting, sensational, stimulating, electrifying, and downright unspeakable. More is coming, new obstacles and choices – our choices, our consequences (good or bad), and our lessons. New experiences. No regrets. Living with the uncertainty of what is to come makes this time mind-blowingly amazing-astounding. It's necessary to thank the right people – everyone who got me where I am, from teachers, family and friends, to my collection of pets – Hubabubalicious you're amazing. Special thanks to Mrs. Rajotte, if there is one teacher and mentor I could not have survived senior school without, it'd be you! To my friends, let's go live life but never forget the one we've left behind; let's create new memories to look back on. Grad Class of 09, be amazing - - because we can. And also: "If you're going to do something tonight that you'll be sorry for tomorrow morning, sleep late." Henry Youngman.

Sasha Gray

First of all, I would like to thank my parents for funding my education at SMUS. I believe this is the reason for my great success in both athletics and academics. In my years at SMUS, I have surrounded myself with a great group of both guys and girls and have enjoyed every minute of your presence. I will never forget our great times, whether we were chilling at the court, Brigg's, Lair, Jez or wherever else the SEEB would take us. I would also like to say thank you to both my rugby coaches, Eliot Anderson and Ian Hyde-Lay, for giving me the opportunity to play rugby at SMUS, always pushing me, knowing that one day I would play representative rugby. My family always kept a subtle hand on m, pushing me when I needed it, and although painful at times, I now understand that it has helped me become who I really am. Both my brothers have always pushed me; it seems like our whole lives have been a giant competition yet it was always in good fun; thank you to both of you and I wish you all the best.

Douglas Grimmer

Douglas G. Grimmer has been going to SMUS every day of his school life for the past 13 years. So some say Douglas may know much about the workings of the school, but in fact he is merely another number that passes through the school, giving money to fuel the machine that keeps this facility going. For some illogical reason it has been worth it for Douglas; he has made many friends, made more enemies and has succeeded in creating multiple "inside" jokes that will be forgotten in about a year. Ultimately this facility has managed to hammer the "get-into-university" bug into his skull, which seems to be their ultimate goal. To all the teachers that have herded Douglas through the prison-like halls of SMUS he thanks them, and wishes them great fortunes in the years ahead. To all the people that will only be remembered when the 10 year reunion comes about Douglas wishes good-luck.

Patricia Halim

Wow. I can't believe it's all over. I've had some of the best memories here at SMUS. It has been incredible. To my parents, Mom thank you for always being there for me and Dad, thank you for all your support. I love you both. And to my friends, I love you all and thank you so much for making my year the most amazing year ever. I would never have made it here without you guys! Sheena, I've shared so many of my firsts with you; getting my first sunburn, going to my first temperate rainforest documentary... wow... I can't thank you enough for all those good times. Emma, I would just like to thank your trampoline for listening and just being there for me. Kirsten, I will always meet you halfway... Lexi, I will never forget our many missions and your stories...and last but not least Benji, I don't even know where to start with you but remember, the sun will always shine. Congratulations Grad 09! We made it!

April Hall

Graduation will complete my 5 years at SMUS. Years so full of (sometimes) educational experiences that I can do them justice with but one metaphor: the burrito.

Support from my friends and family are the foundation of rice; many hard hours of schoolwork and AP classes are the meat; tomatoes are teachers who might have a strict exterior but are actually soft and caring; and the cultural diversity of SMUdents and my travel experiences are the different cheeses that melt together delectably. The really interesting part of this burrito, however, is the little extras that add so much. The sour cream is forgetting about a test and pulling an all-nighter; guacamole is 12:30 DQ runs to avoid Brown Hall at all costs; and salsa is, of course, the inevitable cat-fights and drama of varying intensities. SMUS is the tortilla that neatly wraps up all of these great things. I am thankful for my burrito. Mazel tov to the class of 2009!

Jennifer Hamilton

I remember in the beginning, right when I moved here in 2007, I would have given up everything to go back home. But now that school is almost over, I think that I will really miss this place. I met so many amazing people and had so many great experiences that I will never forget my life here. I'll miss the parties late at night, the house games' spirit, the house parents who tried so hard to come up with different activities to make boarding less boring. Now, I don't regret coming here when I think of all the things I'm missing at home. I know that my life is just different from what it would have been if I were still in Brazil. It's a pity that things always end when they are getting so much better. But life goes on, and I won't forget anyone that I met here. And at least I know when it's ending so I can make sure I'll make the best of it. I hope everyone enjoys their life as much as I do and that everyone finds exactly what they are looking for in life. Congratulations grads '09!

Kelsey Harbord

In a far away land where the grass is green and the bricks are red, a bird flew from one building to another. The bird flew across the quad with a smirk on its face, a few feathers on its back, and I woke up in my room. I woke to Alfiya standing over my bed. Juliette was sitting on my chair. They weren't talking, just standing, just sitting there with their thumbs twiddling and their lips still. I never understood why they were in my room all the time; I never really wanted them there—Alfiya smelled like sausage and Juliette smelled like an Asian country. But every morning I would wake up, their faces the first things I see. On occasion, Heather would join them. She would show up beside my bed and stand with Alfiya to watch me open my eyes as the sun made its ways through the blinds. They were weird, those children, Alfiya, Juliette and Heather, and I will never forget how bizarre they were, how creepy it was, them standing over my bed as the birds flew around outside Symons House.

Ashley Hawes

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take but by the moments that take your breath away." This is one of the lessons I have learned through high school: not to dwell on the little things but to enjoy the moments when you are surrounded by good friends, laughing and having fun. Coming to SMUS became the foundation for changing me into the person I am today. SMUS has felt like a second home to me because of the time I spent there. I have loved every moment of it. Thank you to all the teachers who helped me, to my friends who never left me, to my girls who were always there for me both in good times and bad, and especially to my family. Mom and Dad - you supported me through anything and everything and I can't thank you enough - I love you. Jenny and Colin - enjoy every moment and jump at every opportunity that is in front of you and know I am always here for you! As we say goodbye to SMUS there will be tears, but I know we will all stay connected in some way because of the memories and experiences we shared through this amazing journey we call high school. I would happily do it over again and savour each moment. Thank you Grad '09!

Neil Hayden

To my young brother, Sir Liam, I wish you the best in wherever your mind may lead you. I suppose I owe thanks to my entire family; the way in which you tended to leave me to my own devices, yet subtly encouraged me to aspire to the highest, has shaped the mould for me to thrive within. Your support and approval throughout all situations is something I value more than you know, so thank you. On the other hand, I've spent the majority of my life thus far just hanging out, doing stuff. I've always enjoyed having a soda or a bag of crisps; in fact, whether I was sitting in a Chrysler Sebring, or sitting down at my house, I always enjoyed myself. This is because I always hung around with a great group of boys, guys whose great values and good interests distinguished them from the rest. To the girls I know, thank you for the time spent. Alas, I wish you all the best in your lives; perhaps I'll see you around.

Emma Houghton

Education is an admirable thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing worth knowing can be taught. ~Oscar Wilde

Johnny Humphries

My nine years at SMUS have been better than I could have hoped for, and I am sure that the person I am today is a result of the opportunities that have been given to me by this school. From the rugby pitch, to the classroom, to the concert stage, I have been lucky enough to have the support of many people throughout my time here. I would like to thank all of my teachers, from junior to senior school, without whose guidance I would not be where I am now. To my coaches, team-mates, and friends, I will always remember how you motivated me to pursue my passions, and I wish you the best of luck in pursuing your dreams. Most of all, I would like to thank my parents for carrying me through all the obstacles that have beset me. They have been with me every step of the way and I owe all of my success to them. As I continue my education at the post-secondary level, I am sure that my experience at SMUS will influence the path I follow in life, and I will look back on my time here with fondness.

Mizuho Inai

Three years of SMUS life seemed to drag on endlessly, yet it is already coming to an end. With different language and cultural background, I often ran into severe difficulties adjusting to the boarding and school community. However, such experiences allowed me to grow as a person. Mom, I cannot thank you enough. I would never have made it without you. Ayano and Haruka, you have been constant source of amusement. I love you. Athabasca, thank you for bearing with me. You are the best roommate ever. And thank you to all my friends and teachers for your support and inspiration. Good luck to all the Grads of 09.

Aiman Ismail

Everything has gone by incredibly fast, my time at SMUS. Much of it I'll forget, just because it's life, but none of the important bits. I'll make a point of remembering all the friends and memories I have made. Especially the amount of effort I put into attending chapel. All of these things and the little pleasures of being a boarder in my last year. A year spent every day with others who have grown from this school as much as I have. Those same people, who are both important and meaningful in my life, we will always have history here and each other to remember our fond times at this school. Good luck with wherever life takes you.

Adrienne Jones

SMUS has been an incredible experience full of so many memories that will never be forgotten. There have been a few people who made every minute worthwhile and I want to thank them for always being there. To Joat, thank you for being there for me, through thick and thin. You were, and are, always able to turn my frown upside-down. To Mac, it wouldn't have been the same without you and I will never forget how much fun we've had. To Heather and Shelby, you are my sisters. The two of you mean the world to me. To Emily and Alvine, we will be having more Mexican adventures soon, don't even worry about it. To Ashley, you taught me so much, I am forever grateful. To mom and dad, thank you for putting up with my shenanigans. To Tina, you are hilarious: don't forget it. Never lose your sense of humour. To my grandparents, thank you for everything! And finally to Grad 09, keep smiling, we made it, and good luck!

Saleha Khan

"You know that point at your graduation ceremony where everyone throws their caps? Isn't it great that we all celebrate how smart we are by throwing sharp pointy objects in the air?" ~ Unknown

I hope you all find something in life that makes you happy to wake up in the morning. Love, Saleha

Forrest Kilgour

Although stress and the occasional feeling of anger have risen into my thoughts on more than one occasion during the five years I have spent at St. Michaels, I cannot complain about my education. My thanks are almost endless– first of all to all the fantastic teachers who have taught me (although on occasion I have not seen eye to eye with all of you.) My wonderful parents are the whole reason I am at St. Michaels. Without them, I would not have been able to share all these wonderful moments with all my fantastic friends (you know who you all are; you'd better keep in touch), or receive the education I have today. I am extremely lucky. To the grad class of 2009, good luck with the rest of your life, and have a great time at university. Just remember, it's not the destination that counts, it's the journey.

Robin Kim

Perhaps it is better to be irresponsible and right than to be responsible and wrong. ~Winston Churchill

Shun Kinoshita

Since the age of fourteen, all I've been doing is ridin' around Oak Bay, Dova, and 10 mile. Without the Sebring, B2200, B2300, Golf, Range and the Sonoma, the good times during my five years at SMUS would've never happened. The endless amounts of fries, Big Macs, Double Cheeses, Nuggets, GCSs and Fujiya would never fill up our stomachs. The nights at the Briggs, Jez, Lair and the Court will never be forgotten. Anywhere that we ended up going, the boyz have kept me, and all of us, sky high and never low. To the girls, thanks for the wonderful adventures and the help when I needed it. Good luck Lisa, you're going to have a marvelous time at the Senior School next year. And of course, thank you to my parents who opened me up to new worlds through out my life; you have molded me into the person I am today and have kept me on the right path to success. To the grads; I hope everyone excels in something that you enjoy doing. Well I gotta go now, just about to make a million dollar deal.

Lauren Kipp

St. Michaels University School, you have been the ride of a lifetime. Throughout my 9 years here, I have experienced the ups and downs that you have thrown my way and I thank you for it. I have worked hard, had fun and made some amazing memories, half of which can't be remembered...but it has all lead to this: graduation. I would like to thank my parents for always being there for me and for standing behind me no matter what. I love you. Thanks to my brothers, I think everyone will agree that I was the best out of the three of us! To the girls, I have never met a group of more gorgeous, caring and hilarious people in my life. You are amazing and I will miss you!! The boyz, thanks for all the late nights and early mornings. To the grad class of 2009, I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities and to the most special places your heart has ever known.

Jake Kislock

My thirteen years at St. Michael's have gone so fast. It seems like just yesterday that I was stepping into that kindergarten class and now it's almost time for graduation. My time at SMUS has been great the whole way through and I have loved every minute of it. I want to thank my parents for giving me the opportunity to get such a good education at St. Michael's and for supporting me the whole way through. I want to thank the boyz for keeping me in line and making it a good time. For all the ventures to Hillceside ,McRae, Don, Shoge and Booster. All the evenings at the Brigges, the Laire and the court. St. Michael's has been a big part of my life for a long time and it is something that I will never forget. Finally thanks to all the teachers that have made my journey through SMUS so smooth; Bates, Grant/Mark F, Manson-Blair, Crawford, Jim, Karsty. SMUS has been a great time and it will be sad to leave.

Katherine Kohler

Once upon a time, there was a girl who lived in land far, far away, the land of the Illini, to be exact. Her world started to change when she moved to Canada. Her life in Canada brought about a whirlwind of new opportunities and experiences, ranging from a trip to Japan to being a part of a championship basketball team. If she never moved, she would have never found her love for the West Coast and Jason Kapono and the Toronto Raptors.

To my friends, family and teachers, thank you for all your support throughout the years.

To the Grad Class of 2009, Bon Chance.

God Bless America.

Karolina Koziol

The roller coaster ride that I was lucky enough to experience at SMUS has been a thrill. From the drama in boarding, to the unforgiving swamp of homework, to the good times with the musicals, to my dedication to dance, my high school years have gone by in a whirl. I want to thank all of my teachers and house parents who helped me succeed, my family for always believing in me and encouraging me and, my little brother for introducing me to video games on the Wii. I am grateful for my most treasured roommate Brenda for all of the laughs and French conversations we have together. A special mention goes to my best friend Stewy who was always there for me in the best and worst of times. Best wishes to all in the grad class of 2009.

Lauren Kullar

In Sept. '09, life will be different. Instead of putting on our kilts and tying our ties, we'll be dashing off to our 1st day of classes in a place that isn't SMUS. The last four years have been filled with endless opportunities: playing on sports teams, OL trips, and service trips to the Dominican. I'll never forget the parties, dances, crazy car rides, bus rides with DLO, and Rocky Mountain runs. Thanks to my friends who never failed to entertain. I'm gonna miss you. Amrita, you're like another sister. Mom and Dad, your unconditional love and support is what got me to this point. I love you. Revina and Ryan, I can only hope to achieve half of what you have. Finally, to Mrs. Abrioux: After four years, I've learned that math really is beautiful. However, there is a light at the end of the tunnel: Without April, I'll finally be able to get to my destination without getting lost along the way. JK girl, I have no idea what I'll do without you. Grad '09, it's time for us to shine on our own. Vivat!

Masaki Kunimoto

A big thanks to all faculty and staff for their endless support and even bigger thanks to the boarding community and my parents for their encouragement. Spending the past 3 years with guys from around the world was an experience that I cannot describe in words. Making close connections with the grades above and below was both an honor and a privilege. All aspects of school – rugby, signing out to go downtown, house outings, late nights staying up, all contribute to the fun in boarding. Very rarely could I have experienced anything similar to this anywhere else in the world. My Japanese friends, you guys helped me a lot when I missed home. Jeff, I had fun playing with you. Minha, I wish I was Korean just for you. Robin, you taught me many important things. Johnny, you are my best roommate. Chad, Mac, and Tom, you made my dream come true. To those in Bolton, the house parents, thank you for your time. To those I was close to among day students and other boarding houses, best wishes and thank you.

Benjamin Kwok

Twenty years from now, the memory of my three years at SMUS will be different. It will have some holes in it and some parts might be warped and torn. But I will never forget the greatest strength of this grad class, which is that no one is generic; every single person here has a unique and uniformly powerful personality. And out of all these amazing people, there are the few who I know best: my friends. Sadly, I guess it's up to fate whether we become lifelong companions or slowly drift apart, because time changes everything and nothing is constant. But I'll remember those rare moments of innocent honesty that only best friends can have. In those moments, you can let your guard down and you don't feel pressured to come up with something funny to say; instead, you just open up and say something real about yourself. These memories will change over time, but I will always know that they happened, and nothing that happened was ever wasted.

Rory Lattimer

It's surreal really, to think how far we've come, to think back over all those days spent here, that in the blink of an eye have turned into memories. It has been an enormous ordeal, getting to this point between future and past, and no doubt it is all thanks to you, family, teachers and friends. Thanks for all the deadlines, rules and lectures. Without them I would not be graduating. Thanks for all the meals, rides and support, without them I would literally have starved. And finally, thanks to my friends (and some teachers) for some good laughs, without which life and chemistry would have been far too serious. Good Luck Grad '09. It's been good.

Athina Lavidas

These past two years at SMUS have been a great experience. Thank you SMUS for all the amazing opportunities that you have given me and to all my teachers for their dedication and for going out of their way to help me. Isabel and Emily, you girls mean so much to me and I will never forget you! Most of all, Mom you were the one who made this all possible. Thanks for all your support, for pushing me to always do the best that I can, and giving me the opportunity to have the education that I have today. Timmis sisters keep in touch! I'll always remember our crazy dance parties, sleepless nights in Emily's room, smoothie making, and of course KP who always brings a laugh! I'll miss you girls so much; you made boarding one of the best experiences of my life.
Congrats Grad 09! Good luck!

Allegra Lee

Goodbye to plaid skirts, knee socks, baggy sweaters, and top buttons. Goodbye to French fries and bacon day, perogie and sausage day, cereal for lunch, and soup with yesterday's leftovers. Farewell to Buddhists, Christians, Jews, and, dare I say, atheists alike. Adios to days spent in the comfy chairs in front of the library fireplace and nights spent in the inner harbour. Au revoir to playing dress-up, purple tongues, men named Rodney, and human-sized bathroom keys. Ciao to my alluring April, sassy Taylor, and foxy Lauren, and to all the rest of you! Te adoro!

Charles Leitz

"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."
Graduation has always had the air of a sort of funeral. The lives that we students have spent the past decade building end abruptly with the heart attacks of AP exams, we receive the last rites of our final report cards, and shortly thereafter, the funeral procession walks down the aisles of the UVic auditorium, and the dead pass on either to a better place or to hell. It seems reasonable that I use this grad write-up as a sort of last testament- a final will: Thanks to,
Harmon Moon, for being funny;
Matthew Warner, for being right;
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Trevor Scagliati, for being tall;
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Donna Williams, for organized sound;
Samuel Simons, for disorganized noise;
Eric Protzer, for all our laughter;
Emily Yoon, for your laughter;
and my parents, for everything else.
In Pace Requiestat.

Rebecca Li

As I am going to say goodbye to my first and my last year in SMUS, I wish I could spend more time in this fabulous school. In this short, busy, intriguing final year of high school, SMUS leaves me tons of unforgettable memories—spares in the library, carol service, scorekeeping, Chinese culture week, Brown Hall lunch. I feel a sense of belonging in SMUS, and I love being in this most friendly community. A huge thanks to all my teachers: you have given me so much inspiration to reach my potential. Thank you for all your help to make me feel comfortable in a different culture. To all my friends, I have had such a good time in this diverse family with you. You all have given me lots of love and courage to face life. I wish all of you the best of luck. To my parents, you are the most foresighted and caring ones. Thank you for providing me with so much space and support to fulfill my dream. Believe in me; I will never let you down. Thank you, SMUS. Vivat, the grad class of 2009!

Kevin Liu

Being at SMUS has changed my life. I've made lots of friends, and had lots of fun with them in these past years. The best times have been spent with my best friends in Harvey, fooling and wandering around. Last year, I remember the time spent on Simplexity with Kabir in Counter Strike. Glad I had a good roommate, Nick. To the houseparents, it has been fun living with you! Grade 12's a big change, new houseparents, new housemates and a gorgeous girlfriend. ☒ I am happy I was in Harvey since grade 8; everyone is nice and I have many good friends. I will really miss Harvey House, the grade 11 midnight chats with Dom, Fin – the brother from another mother, and hit and run with Annika. Cute Maddy. Leaving this 5 year memory will be hard. One of the hardest people to leave is Crissy. Without her, I cannot imagine what my last year of high school would have been like; she really made my year interesting. I will miss you being there for me, cheering me up, and the fun times we've had. I love you Crissy and I will miss you.

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education." — Mark Twain

Daniela Loggia

Evan Louie

As I think of the past years which I have spent within the walls of SMUS, all I can do is be saddened; not for the mistakes I've made in the past, or the questionable actions which I had hoped to have avoided; but for fact that I will never be able to make the difficult decisions which have help me grow as a person within these walls ever again. Throughout my school life here, I have made bonds with people with whom I thought I'd never even meet, some of which, in all honesty, I can't stand; but at the same time can't help but to like and care for them. These people have helped me grow and evolve into the person which I am today. The past 9 years which I have spent here were made great because I was able to meet all of you, with each year just getting better then the last. When I think of us and the times in which we have shared together, all I can do is think of the words "thank you".

Kevin Ma

Just as I thought I was starting to get tired of the never-ending rhythm of classes and meetings, the tedious cycle of homework and tests, it suddenly hit me: I realized that everything would soon change. The experiences and friendships that have marked my last five years have been truly unforgettable. Amidst what seemed like a torrent of stress have been many timeless memories that I will always hold close. I will always remember Quebec and Thailand, our badminton trips, and our outdoor adventures. The scrambling over deadlines, the late nights, and the incessant fun-poking. To all my friends—thanks for all the laughs and good times. It is hard to imagine that the meals in Brown Hall, the jokes in the locker room, and the walks to the coffee shop will soon be part of the past. To all my teachers and my family— thanks for all the work and effort you've put into helping me become who I am now. And to the Grad Class of 2009—let's show them what we're made of!

Leavers' Chapel

"If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart...I'll always be with you."

~Winnie the Pooh

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Ceilidh MacLeod

I came to SMUS timid and shy with braces and I wore corduroy pants with butterflies on them. I would say I've come a long way from there. No more butterfly pants, no more braces and no more timid and shy. I have many friends to thank for that. Nikki and Shun, I will admit you two did crack me out of my shell. I can't even begin to mention all the people who have unknowingly shaped me and affected me. Slackers? Yes, you would definitely be in there, as well as all my friends, teachers, coaches and, of course, my parents. Mom and Dad, thank you so much for always being proud of me and encouraging me to try my hardest, I don't know what I would do without you! Kirst, enjoy every minute of grade 12, it goes by fast, I love you! I will always remember the amazing times I have had at SMUS: lunch time in the middle school classrooms, sitting on the field in the sun, painting in the art room, sports teams, rec. pursuits! There are so many. Thank you Grad '09! Good luck!

Rimi Maehara

It's been a stressful three years at SMUS, yet it made my high school life memorable, unforgettable and priceless. It seems as though I've just begun. Well, it's time to say thanks to my family, my friends and whoever I have been involved with at SMUS. Thank you for my mama for giving me unlimited love and support, and to my papa for giving me an opportunity to get such a high level education in Canada. To my friend, Adora, thanks for being there whenever I needed you. Masaki, will miss you. Tago, you're the most NIPPONJIN! Kelly thanks for gossiping with me and you are my best friend forever. Em, no more guys from GNS or Mount Doug. Ayaca, we love shimoneta. Harrison, let's not wait for a cab at the Scotia bank. Yuichi, do I look like her? Hiromi, Kagonma love. Mizuho, be Spanish. Nina, Natasha and Aleesha, I just loved how we talked about boys till the midnight. Celine, Steph, and Sue, we will not forget what we have done together. Aromu, you are my big sister. Love you all.

Chad Margolus

So it's March; I still haven't applied to a University; this write-up is due tonight and I just started writing it... I admit I procrastinate a little too much and I am often perceived as an underachiever. However, I know I would be a lot worse off without SMUS. After changing schools several times as a child, mainly because of bad behaviour, I arrived at SMUS in grade 8(against my will), looking to leave this place as soon as possible. It took me a while to adjust to such a different environment, and for the first couple of years it seemed like everyone around me was pushing me to work harder, simply because they liked to see me suffer. I stubbornly refused to conform and I admit I was a big challenge for most. Now, I realize they pushed me because they saw the potential in me and truly cared about me. Unlike my other schools, St. Michael's was not willing to see me fail. I went from a student barely passing to having an average in the nineties with, hopefully, a bright future ahead of me. As I look back, older and more mature, I truly appreciate everything my teachers, friends, coaches, and especially my parents have done for me and I know I would be nowhere without you all. Good luck Grad 09!!

Kirsten Marsh

We have come to the end of a road. Perhaps there were bumps in the path, puddles we splashed in or rocks we tripped over, but no matter the obstacle, we helped each other make it through. To my teachers, thank you for your endless motivation and support. Mom and Dad, I love you; you are the BEST parents anyone could have. You will always inspire me. My brother Adam, you are awesome! Stay strong, I love you. To my friends, Sheena, Emma, Lexi, Pat and Tay, you are the most amazing people I have ever met. I consider myself the luckiest person in the world to have such incredible friends like you. We have been through so much together: years of laughter, tears and beautiful moments of pure insanity. I love you and will never forget you. I walk away from SMUS with a passion for learning; excited about the long road ahead, and I am confidant that I can tackle any obstacles that cross my path. Congratulations class of 2009. No matter where your next road may take you, love yourself and don't give up.

Lulu May

Love to my friends, family and goldfish, Esteban. Good luck!

Jake McCloskey

What?! It's done? By the waxed wings of Icarus, that went by quickly! Now I have to write a grad write up on seven years of unexplainable happenings. SMUS was a blast, a shock, a flash. Anyone who has known me since my early days at SMUS would agree I've changed a lot. From the foolish grade six kid who made seagull noises to the guitar strumming, lyric humming individual I am now, I have been influenced by all of the gnarly people around me. My real tribute to you all is in my songs! This place is has given me so many brilliant opportunities and so much confidence; yet there is always room to grow and SMUS has given me roots to do so. Thank you all! Every last one of you! We will meet again, be it at a reunion, university or some unlikely place! Peace and love.

"We have to acknowledge the progress we made, but understand that we still have a long way to go. That things are better, but still not good enough." –Barack Obama

"Tomorrow may rain, so I'll follow the sun" –The Beatles

Lexi McColl

On my first day of SMUS, all those years ago in grade six, I couldn't have possibly imagined that this is what my final year of high school would look like. To all those who have lent unfailing helping hands through these insane years, thank you. You have helped shape me into the person I am today. To my parents, mom and dad, thank you for your support and encouragement especially during the last four years and for pushing me to achieve more. I love you both. Logan and Matty: good luck in your next couple years at SMUS and enjoy them while they last! To my friends who have always been there for me, Emma, Sheena, Kirsten and Pat, you girls have all been sisters to me and I will never forget the amazing laughs and adventures we had. I will always remember Robert, Eileen, Kate Lewington, Tash Saffery, Matthias, Dougall, Maximilian VI, Alice, Craig, Jose and his friends, Ludwig and Elton. Congrats Grad '09, I think this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.

Steven Meng

Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated; you can't cross a chasm in two small jumps. - David Lloyd George

Ryan Mitchell-Halter

Blessed is the man who walketh not
the counsel of the ungodly,
nor standeth in the way of the sinners,
nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful,
nor taketh delight in the way that the unrighteous go.
And he should be like a tree
planted by the rivers of water
that bringeth forth fruit in its due season.
Nor shall his leaves wither,
nor shall his locks wither,
nor shall he be smitten by the sun of the day,
and nor shall he be smitten by the moon of the night.
But be prosperous in the way that he goes,
in the way of our Lord JAH!RASTAFARI!

Harmon Moon

My experiences at SMUS have been defined by people, and it is them I'd like to thank. In no particular order: Charles Leitz, Matthew Warner, Douglas Grimmer, Trevor Scagliati, Sam Simons, Forrest Kilgour, Leo Marchand, Cameron Buckingham, Callum Davies, Reilly Fong, Adam Kennes, Gaurav Sekhon, Kabir Daswani, Eric Protzer, Mr. Hayden, Mr. Reid, Mr. Young, Mr. Gauthier, Mrs. Amirault, Mr. Manson-Blair, Mr. Pollock, and Mr. Floyd, not to mention my parents, my sister Tara, and everyone else who I may have forgotten to mention but still contributed to making my six years at the school memorable, for better or for worse.

Taylor Moon

Nine years in a kilt. It is the middle of the week and there is no way I can sum up my time here in 1000 characters. I came to the school a shy little girl but feel I'm leaving a somewhat respectable person. Everything happened for a reason, and I became who I am today because of those around me. To my friends, we've involved ourselves in some serious mischief over the years, and made some amazing memories in the process. Through the smiles and tears–I love you guys. I wouldn't have wanted to grow up alongside anyone else. Finally, I wouldn't have been able to do it without you, Mom; you'll always be my best friend. Peace out, Grad 2009. Never forget.

Brenda Moore

I am deeply grateful for the many opportunities that SMUS has provided me with over the past three years. Whether I was forging international friendships in the boarding community, spending the night in a snow cave in Manning Park's backcountry, or teaching English in Monte Cristi's local school, I was always moving with purpose and optimism. I will not forget the challenges and the tears, which have shaped my life and defined my values. Nor will I ever forget the joy of winning the Senior Girls Volleyball Lower Island Championships – "Hit the floor, girls"! Two special mentions, one to my wonderful roommate, and one to my closest friend: Je vous aime! Thank you to everyone in my life for the times of laughter and fun. I trust the future has much to offer us all.

Alfiya Mukhammetzyanova

All my life, but mostly the year before I came to SMUS, I felt like something was coming, something new and unusual. But who could imagine that this "something" would bring me all the way from Russian to a boarding school in Canada? Well, I couldn't. So here I am at SMUS. I thank so many people for making this happen! If I didn't come to SMUS, I would never be able to be a part of Symons House, or meet my friends Kelsey, Juliette, Aleesha, and others; or win a Concerto Cup. I thank my house parents, my family, my teachers, my friends for everything! This was the best experience of my life! I hope we will keep in touch no matter what! I will never forget anyone! Good luck grad `09! Forever Russian!

Tsumugi Murata

Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not. ~George Bernard Shaw

Joel Nason

Thirteen years. That's a really long time. Of course, after spending so much time at SMUS, there are a lot of people to thank. To my parents, without you I would not have had the opportunities that have made me who I am, and for that I truly thank you. To the teachers, for everything I handed in late, and for all the stress I put you under, I apologize, but would like to thank you for putting up with me and my excuses. To the girls, thanks for keeping my head level. And finally, to the boyz. What can I say? We have had a lot of fun. I hope when we all come back in a few years, we all still know what we know now. We know a lot of things. We might be leaving SMUS, but remember, up top will always be ours. To everyone else that has helped me along the way, it has been a pleasure. If you see me in a few years, maybe I won't look fifteen, and I won't have sweats on. But I know for a fact that I will still be struttin'... I will always have that. Congratulations to the grad class of '09.

Carol Ng

MO: It's so fun chilling with you. Remember our plan for 41 years later. Stop poking people with your insane speed! JUSTIN: Thanks for everything. Watching drama, playing basketball, pool, and eating with you, ERNIE, and NICK, has enriched my life. You guys are awesome. HELEN, CANDICE: This is only our first year of friendship, but I've had fun with my wifey². SYLVIA, EDMOND, FRANK, JOE, MIKE, KEVIN, MICHAEL, LAURA, VICTOR, ETHAN, ROBBIE, ROSS: Good luck and train hard for next year, baddi stars! MR HUNT: You are the best coach ever! Thanks for everything that you've done for me. CATHLINE: It has been 3 years since we met. Thanks for being here for me. CEILIDH, RACHEL, KATHERINE, SAMM: Although we couldn't play bball together this year, our old days were unforgettable. MEL, STACIE, CELINE, LYNLI, SAMMY, ALICE: Take care, my SYMONS sisters! SY/HA MOMS/DADS: Thanks for taking care of me. I feel great to have lived in boarding. Lastly, I wish the best of luck to my dearest friends and keep in touch!

Joyce Ng

Time flies like an arrow. After the past three years, SMUS has become an indispensable part of my life. I learnt a lot of things from people in here, and I changed my outlook on life. I have made a lot of intimate friends from foreign countries, and I hope we won't lose our contact because we are separated in different places. It is difficult to embody my feelings in this short paragraph, but you will always be in my heart and mind. I wish every grad students an infinitely bright future, and I hope that everyone will treasure their valuable time at SMUS.

Charmaine Niewerth

I can't believe that the time has come for me to write my grad write up. Since this is my last "Tribute", I would like to say the past two years at SMUS have been the most hard and rewarding years. And that they have developed me into the person I am. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me in all my decisions, even if these decisions weren't necessarily the smartest. To my friends, I just wanted to say I love you guys! The fun times and inside jokes will never be forgotten. All of you have made school the best place to live. Thank you to the SMUS staff you were always wonderful. To the Winslow house thank you for making me feel welcome and for being there for me...we are the best. Enjoy your years at SMUS, they go by fast. I hope that everyone finds happiness where ever they go!

Colin Nixon-Musgrave

When I first heard that I was going to be living in a boarding house at SMUS, I have to admit I wasn't too excited. However, when I came to SMUS in grade 10 after 2 years at Oak Bay High, the rules and students took some getting used to but after a fairly short period of time, I began to like it. I was surprised to find out that Barnacle House became my home and my house mates became my brothers. When I look back on the days that I dreaded going to SMUS I find it pretty funny. I never thought I'd be in a boarding house at a private school or playing against the Barbs instead of with them. This school provided me with plenty of good times like hanging out with friends, playing great rugby games and simply enjoying BC's culture. Although, there have also been bad times, such as getting in trouble, gated, 7ams which I rarely completed and Friday night preps. I am very thankful for this opportunity and for all the great friends I've made. Now it's over, and everyone's going their separate ways. It has been a great time at SMUS and I hope everyone enjoys themselves where ever they go.
P.S I love you too

Marlise Nussbaumer

Thinking back through my four years at SMUS, I remember so many things besides all the classes and studying, the crying and the laughing: we have learned so much, gone through so much and were truly shaped into the people we are now. Thanks to my friends, for so many memories: surfing, Tofino, SALTS, hiking, kayaking, getting stuck in the rain, lunch on the field, council parties, Be we 3 / We be 3 / 3 we be!, Christmas Assembly, concerts, the window seat, birthday dinners, volleyball, Red Robins, Vancouver, bus trips, Halloween, movies, Valentine's Day, French class, all the grad stuff, and so much more to come. Thank-you to my family, for everything that you've done for me, and Celeste – enjoy the next four years! To the Grad Class of 2009, I wish you all the best of luck, and keep in touch!

Hiromi Ogawa

Congrats grad 2009!!! I still remember the day I came to Winslow. But as I write my grad write up, I realize the last day is coming quickly. For the three years I spent in SMUS, I want to thank all of my friends. My best roommate, Rachel, I will miss hearing music from your radio in the mornings. I will miss the birthday surprises you made for me each year. I will miss cleaning up our messy room together. I will miss everything!! Don't forget that we are forever tomodachi. Rimi, it was very surprising when I first met you in Victoria 4 years ago because we both come from the same school in Japan. Mizuho, be kansai jin! Don't be shy! To the Japan trip people, aishiteru. Sonja, I wish you were here with us. Finally, to the class of 2009, good luck and take care. I will miss you all. Sayonara.

Hayley Pallan

Spending my grade 12 year as a boarding student at SMUS has been nothing short of a truly wonderful experience. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be here and have enjoyed being a part of everything that SMUS offers. Living with all of the boarders in Symons has left me with many great memories. I have enjoyed all of my classes and the challenges have been very rewarding. I would like to thank all of my teachers, house parents, and friends I have met along the way. My time at SMUS has been amazing, I've learnt so much. I know that when I sit back and reflect on my grade 12 year I will have a smile on my face! Thanks for everything...and I wish all fellow grads all the best!

Beau Parker

It's hard coming to a new school and being the smartest, coolest, handsomest guy around. Luckily this was no issue for me. I came in grade 8, slightly bearded, monotone, and shy. It took a while to conform to SMUS; not gonna lie, I didn't like it. However, I must say my time at SMUS probably, in some way, kind of, maybe, helped my future. Not to mention, if I never came to SMUS I wouldn't have met my one true love... whom I'll cherish forever... rugby. Sometimes she hits me around a bit, but in the end she lets me ruck to my heart's content. I'm also very grateful to have met some of the wonderful guys and gals of SMUS as well as for all the teachers I've had - in the classroom and on the field, you have given me the means to strive for excellence, when I could have too easily spent all waking hours playing Halo, Halo 2 and Halo 3... Special shout out to my Mt. Doug buddies; although I turned private I was always public at heart. Well that's it; now only one question is left unanswered- What, for the cause?

Stephanie Passmore

Coming to this school has not only changed me but also helped me to grow as a person. My four years here has been a great experience and one I know I won't forget. I'll remember everything from the outdoor trips to the time when we were all just hanging out on the field or in the quad. I'll miss having art classes at least twice a day, and cooking in Japanese class, along with my amazing triple spares on my Day 8 mornings. Much love to all my friends, family, and God. My high school experience probably would have been boring without each and every one of you. "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." – Eleanor Roosevelt. Good luck next year everyone and stay in touch!

Philip Petranek

My time at SMUS has flown by so quickly. It seems like just yesterday when I was trying to find my math class in Challenor. SMUS has provided me with a lot of opportunities to grow in every way. I would like to thank my teachers in all the departments for their guidance. I would also like to thank my parents for their unconditional love, support and for always believing in me. To my friends, thanks for all the great times, suffering through the hardships and enjoying our successes. I would like to wish the tennis team a great season in 2010. To the grad class, best of luck! Make the most of every opportunity. Peace.

Alison Phillips

Highschool has finally come to end but the memories will last a lifetime.
"In the Galapagos Islands we saw sea snakes,
But we kept our distance from the Dirty Stinkin' Apes!
Playing shadow puppets in the Amazon,
My boyfriend and I looking like Hermione and Ron.
He asked me out in Goodman's class,
I guess that's what made our love last.
Looking like an egg in the middle of winter,
Up to no good on the beach like sisters."
To my friends and family, I love you and thank you for always being there for me over the past 3 years. To Brendan, I love you and I'm so glad we're going to university together. To the Grads of 2009, all the best for next year.

Amrita Pooni

I have spent 16380 hours at SMUS over the past 13 years of my life, not counting the cross-grade string concerts, morning orchestra rehearsals, sport practises and outdoor leadership endeavours. Though 16380 hours seems a long time, it has passed so quickly. It seems only some time ago I arrived for my kindergarten orientation, prepared for a mother's day tea, had picnics in the girl's change room, and acted as an elf in the Junior School's North Pole. I will never forget the seemingly long Remembrance Day and closing ceremonies or the many grade scoldings from the Junior School. It is from these experiences that I will draw from later in my life. I am sure that after 13 years of Ice Cream Day, I will continue to celebrate June 2nd with a Dixie cup long after I've graduated and continue to attend the senior musical and cross-grade concerts. Being a part of SMUS has proven to be more than 16380 hours – it's been a way of life that I will live long after I've graduated.

Francis Quinlan

I have been at SMUS for 12 years now, and I don't know anything except for SMU. I have to thank my parents first for choosing to send me here; it was the best decision they ever could have made. Mom and Dad - thanks for the guidance and being there for me; I really do appreciate it. Gabbs - maybe I will be with you next year; I hope so. George - horseback riding is not a sport. Kidding? I want to thank both my teachers and my coaches; you made everything possible. To the girls - it was fun and I hope you continue to have fun in your future years. To the boys of 09, I need to thank you guys for this stuff. Shoge, Hillce, Carbs, Pillce, Noff, Pan, 206, Briggs, Lair?, Jez, Bramb, Nikes, Raiders, Snap backs, Fuge, Don, Macs, Crae', Tracks, Dova, OB, Fest, Droughts, Ballin, Soda, Safe and Rap. To the rest of Grad 09, good luck.

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Sarah Reed

It has been an amazing two years at SMUS. It seems like just yesterday that I arrived at the school with my parents to get the guided tour through the campus. As soon as the tour was done, I knew SMUS was where I wanted to go. SMUS has had a lot of ups. I've made some incredible friends I will never forget, and you know who you are! Thanks for all the good times over the weekends, the memories and laughs! To my parents and brother, thank you for pushing me to my fullest potential. To my teachers, thank you. Best of luck to the Grad Class of '09!!

Emily Reid

I could pine forever about how in the world I am supposed to abridge all of my feelings about high school in to one perfect opening sentence, but that would just be a waste of a sentence. Too bad. Ms. Abrioux: you are my best friend. Without you there would have been a lot of tears, a lot of laughs lost and a lot of math gone very misinterpreted. Thank you for your smile. Brian, Oliver, Will and Andrew: I am a better person for knowing you. You provided me with a sense of normal and an understanding of what true friends are. Thank you for your spirit. Steffi and Lauren, I love you. To my Mom, Dad and brothers, thank you for your encouragement, support and never-ending faith. Lastly, to Mr. Daly - I have admired you from afar and feel it necessary to finally admit to you that every girl at SMUS, at least once in their time here, has mentioned just how deeply they feel for you. Including me. Congratulations Grads of 2009, what a gnarly ride.

Juliette Repole

So, it's pretty much ridonkulous how fast time goes by. Now I have to write this grad write-up which I think is stupid because there are way too many restraints. No inside-jokes, no nick-names, no acronyms, etc... etc... It's okay though, because the good times don't need a prompt, I'll always remember them. All that really needs to be said here is thank you. Thanks to the houseparents, all the Harvey guys and Symons girls, all my teachers (whether I liked you or not, you helped get me here, and so gratitude is due), thanks to the Brown Hall staff for teaching me to appreciate good quality food, thanks Kabir for being so wonderfully difficult, and thanks to Koryn, my Bajan roomie, for putting up with me. A special thanks to Kelsey and Alfiya, I love you guys more than bubble tea loves pearls – which is a lot. Honestly you guys made this year worthwhile, and I owe you so much. Thanks especially to my parents, I love you soooo much!!! And thanks grad '09, go make SMUS proud. No pressure.

Haumi Richards

Dragons are mythical creatures that are generally serpentine but have otherwise reptilian traits and appear in myths and cultures all over the world. Two of the most familiar dragons in the world are the European dragon and the Chinese dragon. I like to think of myself as more of a European dragon even though I have Chinese dragon features. Dragons are born in fiery lava pits and much like them SMUS has been my lava pit. I came to SMUS only 2 years ago, young and green, but now have emerged from the lava pit a full grown dragon. My wings (ideas) are broad and strong, my fangs (intellect) are long and sharp, and my scales (pride) gleam with the shine of one thousand diamonds. A little known fact is that dragons only need half of their heart to survive, often giving half of their heart to fallen foes in order to revive them. I have given half of my heart to SMUS, where I hope that it will live on for many generations to come. Vivat RARARRAARRARAARARRRRR!

Heather Roseblade

I came to SMUS not knowing what to expect. I had seen the campus, read almost everything on the website, but still wasn't sure if it was right for me. The change from public to private school was overwhelming at first, but after a few months I got the hang of it. Throughout the past two years at SMUS I have changed so much. Thanks to a few people who made such a difference in my life: my mom, who has always let me be whoever I wanted to be and has taught me to be a better person; my best friends, Shelby and Adrienne, who have always been there for me when I needed them; my roommate, Tsumugi, who has put up with my obsessive organization; Kelsey, who never failed to make me laugh; and Mrs. Anderson, who has helped me in so many ways and made my time in boarding unforgettable. Coming to SMUS, and specifically to boarding, has been one of the best decisions I have made in my life. It will be hard to leave but what lies ahead is only the beginning. Good luck, grads of 2009!

Karia Rosenberg

It has taken 7 years of SMUS fine-tuning to get me to the point in my life that I'm at now to write this. First and foremost, I have to thank my parents. Seeing that the public system wouldn't have been a good route for me and enrolling me at SMUS in grade 6 was probably one of the most beneficial impacts you have had on me. To my mom, thank you for always staying on my case and never letting me stray too far from the path. To my dad, you always understood and allowed me to learn through experience, but you always knew when it was appropriate to crack the whip. I love you both very much. To Priya, thank you for making sure I stayed down- to- earth and never allowed me to get ahead of myself. To my teachers, thank you for always putting up with me even when I didn't make things exactly easy. Finally, to my friends. To all the girls - thank you for accepting me for me and I hope that every one of you finds success in what you go on to do. To the boys '09, I hope you all stay mentally high and are never low. Wherever or whatever you all get up to, the JEZ doors will always be open for you guys. I wouldn't be the person that I am today or have had any of the life experiences that I did if I hadn't had you guys by my side.

Monica Rossa

It's been thirteen years and after a long wait, I've finally gotten my lifer-mug. Not only do I possess a snazzy uniform that I can sport every consecutive Halloween, I have also received a fine education and exposure to numerous cultures spanning the globe. Upon reflection, I've realized that I have in fact been conned into learning by osmosis and in turn have accidentally grown up. I have spent countless hours between the brick walls of St. Michaels University School where I have learned to laugh through circumstance, play with everything, and realized that I can determine the course of my life with an overzealous dose of initiative. Nothing I've achieved would have been possible without my makers- Joan and Alec Rossa and the highly intelligent influence of my little shish kabob, Tanya Analise Rossa (keeper of the Friends DVD's and many a refrigerated item with love notes attached like "Touch this and die"). I cannot even begin to list the many teachers, coaches, friends and family that have made this journey with me, what I would dare name a success. It has been said that it is hard to say goodbye; this is entirely untrue. In the end is a new beginning but we must keep in mind to be nice to the people we meet on our way up, because we may see them again if we're ever on our way down. Thank you to everyone who has lived, loved, laughed and learned with me at St. Michaels, with a hearty "Vivat!" I'm ready to embrace the world.

Jamie Saunders

The last 6 years at SMUS have given me some of the greatest experiences of my life and introduced me to numerous characters whom I shall never forget. Whether it be a gang related food fight behind the chapel or our calculus class taking a field trip to Steven Meng's room, there is no question that SMUS has given me many unforgettable experiences. One which I will never forget was a trip to Ecuador and Galapagos which was a truly life-changing experience. Not only has SMUS given me many memorable life experiences, it has also introduced me to countless friends and enemies, whether it be during a short jaunt to the shrine or a magical voyage to the magii. My experiences at SMUS have helped shape me as a person and guided me into the future, wherever it may take me.

Trevor Scagliati

DO NOT GO WHERE THE PATH MAY LEAD. GO, INSTEAD, WHERE THERE IS NO PATH AND LEAVE A TRAIL. ~ RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Colin Sedgwick

IT'S OVER. THE MOST INFLUENTIAL TIME OF OUR LIVES HAS FINALLY COME TO A CLOSE. TWELVE YEARS THAT WE'LL NEVER GET BACK, BUT ALSO TWELVE YEARS OF MEMORIES THAT WILL NEVER FADE. WHILE THE HOURS OF STRESS, TESTS AND STUDYING HAVE BLENDED TOGETHER, IT IS THE THINGS THAT HAPPENED ALONG THE WAY THAT STICK OUT MOST IN MY MIND. THESE ARE THINGS I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER, WITH PEOPLE I'LL NEVER FORGET: WORKOUTS AT OAK BAY REC, COUNTLESS GAMES OF HALO, VEGETARIAN VOMIT, MIDNIGHT TICKETS, LONG WALKS, LATE NIGHTS AND HILARIOUS CONVERSATIONS. TO ALL MY FRIENDS, I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU. KEVIN, FOR THE HOMEWORK HELP AND BIG SCREEN MOVIES; JON, BEN AND MIKLOS, FOR THE CRAZY WALKS WE'VE TAKEN TOGETHER; HANMI, FOR THE PROTEIN SHAKES AND HOMEMADE MOVIES; BHUPINDER, FOR OUR DRAMA SKITS; AND LAUREN, FOR MAKING ME SMILE MORE THAN I EVER HAVE BEFORE. THANKS TO MY FAMILY FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME, AND TO MY TEACHERS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. TO THE SMUS GRAD CLASS OF 2009, TAKE CARE. LET'S SHOW THE WORLD WHAT WE'VE GOT.

Gaurav Sekhon

IT SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY THAT I ARRIVED ALL BRIGHT-EYED AND READY TO LEARN, BUT I'LL LEAVE THAT TRAIN OF THOUGHT: THE CLICHÉ-ITY OF IT IS MAKING MY HANDS LEAVE THE KEYBOARD AND FASTEN AROUND MY THROAT IN PROTEST. I TRY TO KEEP IT LIGHT. SEE, LIFE'S TOO SHORT TO DO ANYTHING BUT ROW MERRILY DOWNSTREAM, MAKING THE RIDE AS PLEASANT AS POSSIBLE. SO BE SUCCESSFUL, PLEASANT, HAPPY. AND IF YOU LOVE YOURSELF, DO NOT TAKE BC CALC. THANKS SMUS. I HOPE ONE DAY WE CAN DRIVE OUR ROLLS-ROYCES (ELECTRIC, OF COURSE, 'CAUSE I'M A TREE-HUGGER. OR AN AIR-HUGGER, BECAUSE HIPPIES LIKE CLEAN AIR TOO) TO OUR IRON MAN-STYLE HOUSES AFTER A LONG DAY'S SAVING LIVES, DESIGNING BRIDGES, AND DOING WHAT WE LOVE. ONE LOVE, ME HOMIES ADAM, CHWYL, CUNNINGHAM, DAVIES, DULKU, EFFA, LATTIMER, KWOK, MA, MARCHAND, MOON, TUT, ZHOU, NATALIE PORTMAN, AKIVA SCHAFFER, JORMA TACCONE, AND ANDY SAMBERG. AND THANKS MR. GAUTHIER, FOR FINALLY MAKING ME DO THE MUSICAL. PEACE OUT. TRY NOT. DO, OR DO NOT. THERE IS NO TRY - YODA

Sam Sherrod

THE PAST THREE YEARS AT SMUS HAVE CERTAINLY CHANGED MY LIFE. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY GREAT MOMENTS THAT I WILL NEVER FORGET. I WILL SAY THAT THIS SCHOOL HAS DEFINITELY OPENED MY MIND UP TO GO FARTHER THAN LITTLE OL' LUBBOCK, TEXAS. WHEN I LOOK BACK HOWEVER MANY YEARS FROM NOW, I KNOW I WILL REMEMBER THE LITTLE THINGS, FROM FIGURING OUT HOW TO ASK MRS. ABRIOUX A QUESTION WITHOUT SAYING "CAN I ASK YOU A QUESTION?, SHOUTING TILL MY VOICE WAS HOARSE IN SPANISH CLASS, TO SNEAKING SANDWICHES DURING RACES FOR A BURST OF SPEED. TO ALL OF MY TEACHERS, THANK YOU FOR PUTTING UP WITH ME. TO ALL OF MY FRIENDS, IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE WITH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU, AND I WILL MISS SO MANY OF YOU. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS AND MY BROTHER FOR WITHOUT THEM, I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT. GRAD 09, I WISH ALL OF YOU THE BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR ADVENTURES, FOR SMUS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING.

Julie Shim

I would like to jump 30 years ahead and imagine people reading this. What do you remember of me? In truth, I am only one of many people you came across at some point in your life, and it takes more courage and effort than we expect to keep track of each other. But remember me. Remember me as a person who was ready to listen when you needed someone to talk to. Remember me as a person who tried her best to get you to laugh each day. Remember me as a person who liked you all, although I have not manifested my love blatantly. But I really did. For whoever is glancing through my write-up at this very moment: you are the ones who made my days. Here is my lifelong lesson from the precious moments with you: Get involved in a lot of things, meet a lot of people, and make a lot of good memories - enjoy the moment and be happy. What else is there to leave behind? It's been a great three years in SMUS, perhaps sometimes stressful, but never too long.

David Shin

SMUS has given me various experiences that have made me stronger in preparation for later life. Three years of boarder life at SMUS have been well worth it. I don't regret coming here, and thanks to all of my teachers and friends who made me stronger.

Samuel Simons

Samuel Simons is that one kid you'll never understand; the one who'll randomly burst into dance mid-stride as he's walking down the hallway, then stop as suddenly as he started. If you stare at him following such a display, he'll just grin. When attendance is being taken, he won't just say, "here." No, he'll project his voice so the entire room can hear him, and boom in an abnormally deep voice for a small guy, "indeed!" He's a 'lifer' with SMUS, having entered the school in Grade 1 with the exception of one year away for Grade 4 in Spain where his grandparents live. He speaks English, French, Spanish and Gibberish fluently. He can be found studying, playing multiplayer computer games, rehearsing for a musical theatre performance...or doing any combination of the above. He often plays the card game, 'Magic: The Gathering' at lunch times with the small group of people whose strangeness rivals his own; odd looks are expected from those who stumble into Mr. Hayden's room during this ritual.

Ashley Solmer

I started my journey at SMUS in Grade 10, and was swept off my feet into a community of culture, opportunity and love. Mom and dad you never doubted me, and always believed in me, even if half the time I was crazy. I love you both so much and will never be able to thank you enough for these 3 years. Raq and Linds thanks for always listening to me rant and for being there. I am sorry for all of those grumpy mornings, but grateful for our hours of laughter. I love you and will miss you both. To all my friends, you are amazing and irreplaceable, and so were all the crazy times that we shared. Megs, I only met you 2 years ago, but you are like my sister. I can't sum up how much you mean to me in words. I will miss you infinitely but I will never forget you. Thank you to everyone that helped me to grow as a person and get to where I am today. Congrats Grad 2009! Get out into the world and be extraordinary!

Koryn Steinbok

Off my little island rock, I entered life in Canada for the first time as a grade 11 SMUS student. Many of my brothers and sisters in Harvey/Symons would recall the Bajan girl with one grey hoodie and a pair of slippers, which yes, lasted me through my first winter. When I first arrived my dad told me, "Make new friends Kor, then you can visit them all around the world." By "friends" I don't think Dads meant "boyfriend", but I could never have imagined meeting someone as amazing as you, Jesus. My two years spent here will be impossible to forget: Mr. Bates' original homeroom stories, late night pool, foyer lingering, common room CSI, Sockeye Sushi nights, Little Thai. Leaving SMUS will bring an end to an incredible phase of my life, but I hope the next stage will exceed my expectations in the same way SMUS did. I want to thank everyone who has made my time here unforgettable; especially to my teachers, my boarding family, and of course to my house parents; I love you all.

Dorothee Stieber

It has been an amazing time at SMUS. The values shining through our daily life have impressed me deeply and shall not be forgotten. I would like to thank the grad class and the whole SMUS family for a warm welcome. Rarely have I lived in such an embracing family where words of kindness were heartfelt and interest more than courtesy. This has been a year beyond belief. The comfort of helping hands and open hearts around me has become so easy to take for granted. Every action I have taken at SMUS, I took with dedication, my heart full of love and appreciation. Winslow Girls- I care for you and always will. We have had a great year. Thank you, Barnacle and Harvey Boys for brotherhood and good times. Thank you, staff, for sympathy and support – for being absolutely stunning. I have the most respect for you. I'm not a friend of glamorous empty words- so take these for real. Everybody-No matter when you read this, I send you my smile, love and good thoughts. Be assured that my door is always open to you. My motto shall forever be: Vivat!

Vaughn Stokes

"Don't you forget your youth, who you are, and where you stand in the struggle."
-Bob Marley

Mac Stone

These past 12 years at SMUS have been nothing short of amazing; I can remember every year and all the good and slightly weird times I've had. SMUS has been my second home throughout the years and I don't know of anywhere else I would want to be then right here in the SMUS community. But my time has come to get out into this crazy world and make the best of life and I thank SMUS for preparing me for life. I could not have survived these years without the friends I've had and all the nights at the brigs. To the boyz - all of you, good luck next year in whatever shenanigans you may get up to; I could not have done it with out your friendship. I have to thank the two people who have helped me through everything from supporting me and for being there when I needed it the most - mom and dad, you're the best parents anyone could ever ask for. Adrienne Jones, I don't really know where I would be if I hadn't met you, you make everyday worth it. To everybody else, good luck in the coming years and hopefully I'll see you in the years to come; it's been fun. Someone once told me that "With every beginning there comes and end" - this is our end.

Bryan Sun

Even though everyone thinks I am so tough, I have to admit that every tough guy has his sensitive side. SMUS is my second home, and Wendy is my second mom. To all the people that supported me for the past five years, you guys are unbelievably cool. To my boys, thanks for everything you guys have done for me. I will never forget our guys only Pho Hoa Friday, and Backstreet Boys moments. For all the teammates in basketball, rugby, and cross country teams, we fought together and laughed together. The road trips and the experiences are amazing and I can't describe how much I love you guys in words. Thanks to Mr. Daly and Mr. Geddes for all the guidance on and off the court; I have learned and grown because of you. To my Bolton Boys, if you stop playing games all day in your little tiny room, I am sure soon you will be going to all the parties and hanging out with all the ladies. PROMISE!!

Jared Sweet

I was forced to come to St. Michaels in grade nine by my parents, but now I can gladly say that I am thankful that my parents gave me this opportunity. I became a part of the SMUS community and this gave me many opportunities that have allowed me to grow into the person that I am today. I have realized, and truly mean it when I say it, that coming to St. Michaels was the best decision my parents could have made for me. I am very glad that I met all the Boys and had so many fun times at the Briggs, Jez, Lair, Court, McMinn and Shells. Shout out to my lady friends. I want to thank my parents for always supporting me and giving me every opportunity possible. I would like to thank my bro Shane for showing me the ropes.

Scott Swinkels

As our high school careers come to an end and we prepare to move on, be it to somewhere not far from home or to the other side of the world, the time comes for us to reflect on what our time at SMUS has meant. At times it has been a whirlwind with too many classes, too many practices, too much homework and not enough sleep. But this has forced us to appreciate all the more the times that we just got to hang out. We have made friends and lost some, we have made memories and tried to forget a few, we have confronted challenges and from all this we have discovered something of who we are. No doubt we will continue to learn and grow as people in the years to come, but the time we spent at SMUS will always be a part of who we are. When people ask you what your time at the school gave you, remember the education, the opportunities and the memories. But more importantly remember that it gave you character. No matter where you go or what you do, don't forget where you came from: SMUS Grad '09.

Tomoya Tago

Finally, it is over. I am heading to the new destination of my life. Coming to Canada from the land of the rising sun, everything that I experienced in SMUS changed me a lot. For example, I will never forget the survival in the Outdoor Leadership Programme. I was a horrible rugby player (ouch!) but by not quitting rugby, I learned to never give up on things that I chose to commit to. Also, everyone that I met in SMUS was spectacular, and each of them had many talents and skills that overwhelmed me. Barnacle '09s, and many others, I will always remember you all for being fantastic brothers. I will never forget the Japanese crews, especially Masaki, who often motivated me whenever I was feeling down. Kabir, the AC/DC master, and Jesus, the REAL son of God; I will never, ever forget you guys for being good friends. Finally, many thanks to my dad and mom who supported me with their unconditional love. Vivat Grad '09, and seize the day!

Jeffrey Tak

My life in SMUS has been phenomenal. There have been numerous ups and downs; however, now that I am at the point where I am looking back at everything, I feel like all my experiences were good. I am sincerely proud of SMUS and that I have fulfilled my dream of going to a eminent University in USA. Thank you, SMUS!

Austin Thind

When I came to SMUS, I was only expecting to be prepared well for University. I certainly am, but I will be leaving with so much more, as well, including invaluable experiences from committees, clubs and teams. But the things that I will always be most thankful for are the times spent with my Barnacle boys. House dinners, domination in house games (well, in some sports at least!), dishing out push-ups to grade 10's while on duty, exploring campus at odd hours of the night – and serving the gating the next day – discussing how awful the Canucks are with houseparents, and of course, Brown Hall! I can only hope that Barnacle will forever maintain its sense of family and continue to supply lasting memories as it has done so for me. Tomoya, Calvin, and Geordie, I hope we continue to foster the camaraderie we have developed as roommates. Friends, thank you for marking my three years at SMUS with good times. Teachers and houseparents, thank you for your tireless support. Thank you Mom, Dad, and Lexi, and good luck Grad '09!

Brendan Thomson

"Families is where our nation finds hope, where wings take dream."

George W. Bush

Big thanks to Mom, Dad, Connor, Alison, and all you hoodlums plus a whole lot more.

"It's all about who you know."

Dale Doback

Brenda Tong

Life is full of learning. And since my time here at SMUS, I have not only strived to achieve my goals, but I have also learnt the true significance of "No Pain, No Gain!" because life in boarding isn't easy, especially being away from home. It has been a turning point in my life. However, I have gained so much incredible experience from going to SMUS which I couldn't have done without the great support of my family. Thank you so much! To my friends (Yes, YOU), you are the best! Though there have been terrible moments, valuable and lovely memories have also been created within the last 3 years we have spent together. The time has come to say farewell to assemblies, chapels, Friday night preps, scorekeeping and duties. Yet I know I will miss them and everyone in the school. Lastly, good luck to you all, Grad 09! Vivat!

Good luck

Grad Dinner Dance

Grad 2009!

Miklos Tusz

I always wondered how the grads managed to wear sweats every day of the week without getting in trouble, but now I understand... The madness is finally over, but there will always be a myriad of memories to look back on. The tumultuous parties, the shenanigans, the countless discussions about what our newest hobby should be, and who could forget Jon and the Smurf blue Geo Metro (and the short lived white one). I'll never forget the good friends I have and the good times I had. The past four years at this ridiculous place have been awesome in the true meaning of the word, and we've all learned tons. Not necessarily from our teachers though. We've shaken the tree, now let's see what falls.

Paul Tut

My 5 years at SMUS flew by. Being a part of the SMUS community has been a truly unique experience. I can still remember my first day meeting all the new students; it was by far the scariest thing ever, but now 5 years later everything has changed. Along my journey I made several stops, to build lifelong friendships, to laugh and to just simply enjoy the moment. For that I would like to thank all of my friends who made those moments possible; without you this journey would be incomplete. To the amazing SMUS teachers, I cannot say enough about you; you have taught me more than I could ever have thought possible. To my family, I want to say thank you for supporting me and providing me with the countless rides whenever called upon. Lastly, to the Graduating Class of 2009, I wish you nothing but happiness in all of your future endeavours.
"You must be the change you wish to see in the world" - Ghandi

Nicole Van der Wal

It's no secret that I've been dreading this day for a long time, can't believe we are all big kids now! SMUS has been my life for the past 10 years, no telling what's going to happen to us lifers next year, ha ha, but I would have it no other way. I'm going to miss you all like crazy, thanks for being my high school memories! Mom, you were always there, I love you; Marc you are the best little brother ever, take care of mom! Mrs. Abrioux, I'll never forget how beautiful math is, thank you for everything! Anna you are my other half, no part of the world will ever see just one of us; Ceilidh you are my shining star, and the other leg in both our triangles; Shun, I don't even want to know what I would be without you. You guys got me through it all and made it fun along the way, I love you!
"Being on the tightrope is living; everything else is waiting."

Jesus Vidaurri

My two years at SMUS went by faster than I could have imagined. Although it is sad to think that this amazing stage in my life is about to end, I am grateful that I had the opportunity to go through it, and to take so many memories with me. I will never forget the people who made these years so amazing. I would like to thank all of the houseparents in Harvey House, especially Mr. Humphries, Mr. Farish, Mr. Dom, and Mr. Klenz for all their attention as houseparents and friends. To my teachers, who have taught me life-long lessons inside and outside of the classroom, I will always be grateful. To all of the Harvey boys, thanks for welcoming me and giving me a home away from home. You and all of those friends who I have spent time with during this two years, know that I will always keep in touch, and that you have your house down in Mexico waiting for you any time you want to visit! To my girlfriend Koryn, thank you for always being there for me, for being the best girlfriend and best friend I have ever had. I love you. To my family, thank you for giving me the opportunity of my life. Mom and Dad, you have given me everything anyone could ever ask for, and I will forever be grateful for this! Vivat!

Jimmy Wang

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Matthew Warner

Well, 'tis done. Nine years at SMUS. It's long past time for something different, somewhere else. There have been good times and bad, though I won't promise to remember them.
A few thanks:
To my teachers: you've roped me into nearly everything, and I think it probably was for the best. Maybe I didn't believe it at the time, but I do now.
To everyone in drama at this school, you gave me more fun (and more panicked moments) than everyone else at this school put together.
To my friends, especially Harmon and Charles, well, if there's a reason not to stay up past midnight on school nights, you didn't help me find it.
Oh, and my parents? Thank you – you did something right, I think.

Sean Wiggins

St. Michaels University School provided me with an environment that allowed me to challenge myself, raise my ambitions, and attain new levels of inspiration. Throughout my time at SMUS I have been given several opportunities to achieve high levels of excellence in athletics and education. It has been a real privilege and I compliment all involved. Congrats to all the grads of 09!

Athabasca Witschi

I've had a good time here at SMUS. It wasn't always happy or easy, but I believe that, in the end, it's the happy moments along the way that make it all okay. I had plenty of happy moments, and I've got quite a few people to thank for them: my friends, my family, my teachers, acquaintances and random strangers, myself. The usual. You're all great. Thanks, and thanks again. I'll try to remember you all, even though my memory is terrible. And, by the way, the line starting with 'in the end' is a misquotation from the song "Nobody," by Five for Fighting. Go listen to it. Good song.

Justin Wong

It has been an enjoyable journey of my life coming to SMUS. I could not believe how fast time has passed me by since my arrival in Grade 8. I felt so lost the first time I came to SMUS. I did not know much about Canada yet, since I only started studying in Canada in my Grade 7 year. Believe it or not, I survived all these years and it turned out to be awesome. My bonds with friends and support from family and teachers have been a major part of my life in SMUS. I especially have to thank my parents for giving me such a great opportunity to come here and my brother, Daryl, for looking after me through the first two years of SMUS before his graduation in SMUS. In addition, my teachers gave me good references and support in academics. I also have to thank my friends from SMUS for being there for me like Nick, Ernie, Kabir and all the Harvey House boys. Harvey for life! My final year in SMUS... I came across her and... I fell in love; I will never forget about you Carol. Congrats Class of '09!!

Timothy Wu

Timothy came to SMUS in Grade 8. Having gone through 5 different elementary schools, he thought it would be nice to finally settle in. Somehow, he made it through these 5 years. People had doubts whether he would graduate or not, since you can't graduate without Socials 11 and we all wondered how he managed to have enough credits and have 30 spares at the same time. His life is full of stupidity, miracles, procrastination, and luck. If he has lived through 18 years this way, he's sure that he can live the rest of his life in the same manner, even though he still believes that he's going to die in a stupid way (like swallowing a toothpick at a party or killing himself to collect his life insurance). But before he dies like that, he would like to thank his parents for spoiling him; his friends for letting Tim make fun of them; his teachers for listening Tim's excuses for not completing homework; and Wendy for the brownies, the beef dips, and the banana bread. The story of his life.

Eleven Xu

...Yes, the lectures are optional. Graduation is also optional.
Bob Bickford

Jasmine Yan

As my late great-grandfather Confucius so eloquently said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." I must admit, the inevitable step out of the lovely and safe SMUS into the real world seems very intimidating... but I'm ready. I would like to thank all my teachers from middle to senior school for making me look like a knowledgeable private school student. To all my friends, thanks for the random MSN conversations, the fun get-togethers and being by my side always. I'm going to miss seeing your faces everyday. Justin and Jocelyne, thanks for making life at home interesting. (In a good way of course) To Grad '09, don't forget another famous quote by my great-grandfather Confucius, "Wheresoever you go, go with all your heart." I can't wait to see what you all accomplish. Finally, I would like to conclude by thanking my parents who brought my tear-stained face to SMUS in Grade six and told me that I'd have the time of my life. I'm proud to say "you told me so."

Vickie Yang

The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.
- Eleanor Roosevelt

Ernie Yeung

It's been a great two years at SMUS. There has been some unpleasant times, but I enjoy being here. SMUS is the place where I have started to be more independent. Here, I meet many caring house parents, excellent teachers and more importantly compassionate friends. A special thanks to the teachers who have helped me prepared for university. For my housemates in Harvey and Symons, it is fun boarding with all of you. To my friends, wish you all the best; to friends from Hong Kong, you know who you are, let's meet up in Hong Kong some time soon! I will miss everyone one of you. Last but not least, thank you Serena Zhang, I will miss you very much and I will never forget you. May God bless all of you!! Good luck to all Grads! Harvey for the win!!

Edmond Yiu

Finally, Grad! It has been a wonderful 3 years at SMUS with you guys. I learned so much more than I would if I didn't come to SMUS. I am very thankful for my parents who gave me an opportunity to study here and for being supportive all the time. Also, I have to thank my brothers and sister who have taught and taken care of me all the time. I have made some original and nice friends along the way. You know who you are. Especially Baddy people! I will never forget the "fun" times we spent together. One day we shall all meet again, whether it is at a party, reunion, wedding, or even a job interview. But the most memorable thing at SMUS is meeting you guys and walking out of here together. I realized that you guys have too much influence on me. The last year at SMUS is very exciting and depressing at the same time. I am glad that I am finally graduating, but at the same time I don't want to leave this school. I wish all of you the best of luck! Bye Grad 09

Emily Yoon

At the risk of being cliché, I will start with a quotation: "A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine picture every day of his life..." (Goethe). I was able to do all of that during my three years at SMUS; I am especially happy that I could rekindle my passion in writing. I'm sure I'll continue to pursue writing beyond the brick walls of SMUS. So I'd like to thank all my teachers for turning me into a very polished young lady from a polished young girl. Thanks to all my friends for helping me have a stellar time growing up. To my family—I'd like to take this chance to say what I don't say often enough: I love you all, and thanks for supporting me always. To myself thirty years from now: if you have lost all your marbles and don't remember high school life... it was amazing. Writing this marks the end of my doing-whatever-I-want years. Exquisite fear floods over me at the thought of starting another era alone, but somehow I know I'll have lots and lots of fun. VIVAT!

Adora Youssefian

".....LET YOUR HEART BURN WITH LOVING KINDNESS FOR ALL WHO MAY CROSS YOUR PATH..... WHEN YOU MEET A STRANGER, SPEAK TO HIM AS A FRIEND; IF HE SEEMS TO BE LONELY TRY TO HELP HIM, GIVE HIM OF YOUR WILLING SERVICE; IF HE IS SAD CONSOLE HIM, IF POOR SUCCOUR HIM, IF OPPRESSED RESCUE HIM, IF IN MISERY COMFORT HIM. IN SO DOING YOU WILL MANIFEST THAT NOT IN WORDS ONLY, BUT IN DEED AND IN TRUTH, YOU THINK OF ALL MEN AS YOUR BROTHERS." ('ABDU'L-BAHA) I WANT TO THANK MY FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY RIMI, HAYLEY, MASAKI, TOMOYA, DOROTHEE, TSUMUGI, MIZUHO, HIROMI, NASTUMI, AYAKA, MUE, YUICHI, MAIKA, SAMMY, NATASHA, NINA, CAROLINE, LYN LI AND CAROL FOR ALL THE GREAT MEMORIES. ALSO, THANK YOU MOM AND DAD, AS EVERY OPPORTUNITY YOU HAVE GIVEN ME HAS BEEN THE BEST. TO MY MAXWELL FRIENDS....CLASS OF ETERNITY.

Linda Yu

I WOULD LIKE TO BE ORIGINAL IN THIS GRAD WRITE-UP, BUT I RECOGNIZE THAT IT WOULD BE A FUTILE TASK. ALSO, IT DOESN'T HELP THAT I WATCHED THE OSCARS LAST NIGHT AND NOW HAVE ALL THOSE ACCEPTANCE SPEECHES IN MY HEAD. SO, IN THAT SPIRIT, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY PARENTS FOR EVERYTHING (ESPECIALLY ALL THAT CHAUFFEURING), MY FRIENDS FOR NOT OSTRACIZING ME WHEN I WAS THIS WEIRD LITTLE KID IN GRADE SEVEN (I'LL MISS THE MSN CONVERSATIONS THAT RANGE FROM METAPHYSICS TO DRESSES AND THE LANGUAGE MÉLANGE KNOWN AS LINDISH), AND PRETTY MUCH THE ENTIRE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT FOR BEING SO AWESOME. WHEN I'M A FAMOUS AUTHOR, I'LL SEND YOU AN AUTOGRAPHED COPY OF MY BOOK (YES, I REALIZE THAT THE FUTURE ME WILL PROBABLY SHAKE MY HEAD SADLY AT THIS YOUTHFUL ARROGANCE). FINALLY, TO MY CLASSMATES, I WOULD LIKE TO PARAPHRASE BRUTUS IN SHAKESPEARE'S JULIUS CAESAR (OF COURSE I WOULD): FAREWELL, MY FRIENDS. IF WE MEET AGAIN, WHY, WE SHALL SMILE. IF NOT, THEN THIS PARTING WAS WELL MADE.

Dion Yzenbrandt

THE PHILOSOPHERS HAVE ONLY INTERPRETED THE WORLD IN VARIOUS WAYS; THE POINT IS TO CHANGE IT. ~ KARL MARX

Michael Zhou

WHEN I FIRST FOUND OUT I HAD TO LEAVE MY LIFE IN WHITE ROCK TO MOVE TO VICTORIA, I WAS REASONABLY UPSET, TO SAY THE LEAST. I TRIED THE VICTORIA LIFE OUT FOR A BIT, AND THEN MOVED BACK TO WHITE ROCK. I TRIED THE WHITE ROCK LIFE OUT FOR A BIT, AND THEN MOVED BACK TO VICTORIA. I HAD REALIZED HOW LUCKY I WAS. I GOT TO LIVE TWO COMPLETELY SEPARATE LIVES; THAT MEANS DOUBLE THE GIRLS OF THE AVERAGE GUY!! WHEN I CAME TO SMUS HALFWAY THROUGH GRADE 11, I WAS THE QUIET, MYSTERIOUS NEW KID. IT WASN'T UNTIL GRADE 12 I SHOWED MY TRUE, EMBARRASSING SELF (VALENTINE'S DAY). I'M STILL GOING TO REMEMBER ALL MY BUDDIES IN WHITE ROCK, BUT I'LL DEFINITELY REMEMBER EVERYONE WHO WELCOMED ME AT SMUS. THANKS KEL. BACKSTREETS BOYS 4 LYYYYFE.

Michael Zhu

Coming to SMUS for my first and final year was a tough but worthwhile decision. Living away from home for the first time has revealed aspects of my character I didn't know existed and has helped me discover who I am. Not only have I had the opportunity to learn from amazing teachers, but I've been exposed to a completely new environment. Culture shock and homesickness aside, I'm grateful to have been able to make new friends and live in a community of people with similar goals and interests– for the most part– through boarding I've learned that not everyone needs as much sleep as I do! Part of this experience has been learning about others and the other part has been learning about me. Good luck to all the Grads of 2009- I hope you come away from this year with as much as I have.

Closing Cermonies

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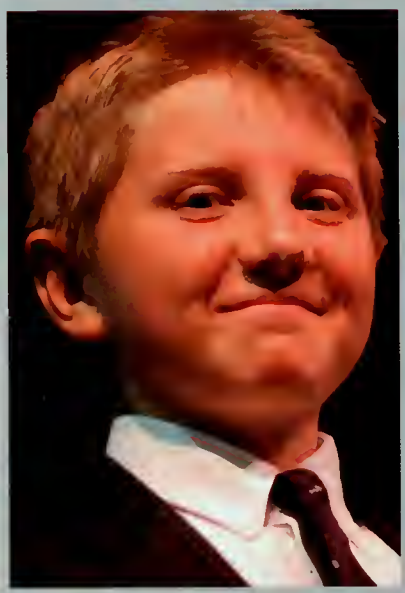

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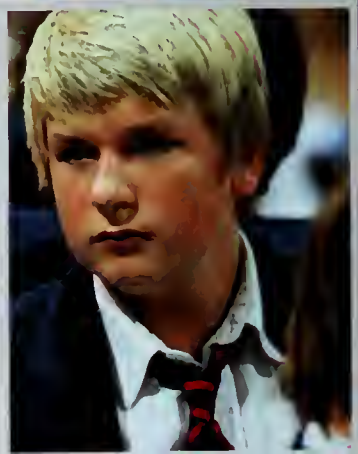

Senior School

Prizes

Senior School

Grade 9

Chapman Cup - Alice Wang & Karan Vats
Dyson Cup - Andrew Taylor

Grade 10

Considine Cup - Brian Christensen
Student Council Award Plaque - Christina Clemente & Eric Protzer

Grade 11

Life Award Plaque - Brenna Nixon, Leo Marchand, Brandon Ewonus, Sydney Stockus
Alumni Association Plaque - Tom Zheng, Lisa Evans, Wonjin Kim, Ching-Ping Hseih

Grade 12

Groos Salver - Nicole Van Der Wal
Brian Dyer Award - Jake McCloskey, Brenda Moore
Darlene McCue Award - Matthew Warner, Rachel Baptiste
Carol Lobb Award - Bryan Sun, Ceilidh MacLeod, Elizabeth Fenje
Nation Bowl - Anna Fretz
Ker Cup - Emily Reid, John Humphries
Colin Skinner Award - Emily Reid
Blencoe Cup - Rui Fu
Nesta Bowen Horne Plaque - Shun Kinoshita
Yearbook Editor's Trophy - Matthew Warner
Alumni Association Award - Kevin Ma

Parents' Auxiliary

The Parents' Auxiliary is proud to be a part of the Saint Michaels University School community. Our mission is to "Support Excellence in Education" and to "Build Community" and to that end we feel proud to have been a part of a very successful year for students and parents.

The year of 2008/2009 saw the Boarding Community included in the Annual Parents' Auxiliary Christmas Celebration. It was a terrific event and the addition of the Boarders created a new tradition for the Christmas Celebration.

Through "fund raising" and "fun raising" the Parents' Auxiliary was deeply involved in every day life at SMUS. The PA spent a record $87,000 this year to support everything from a Middle School Broadcast system to musical instruments for our orchestra. Funds were raised in many ways including Used Uniform sales, weekly Pizza Days and Quiz Night. Fun was raised at these events and others like Coffee Mornings, Cocktail parties and Teacher Appreciation Luncheons.

The PA is honoured and grateful for being invited to take such an active role in every day life at SMUS. Congratulations to all the students on reaching the next phase of their life at Saint Michaels University School, and beyond.

Sincere best wishes,
The SMUS 2008/2009 Parents' Auxiliary.

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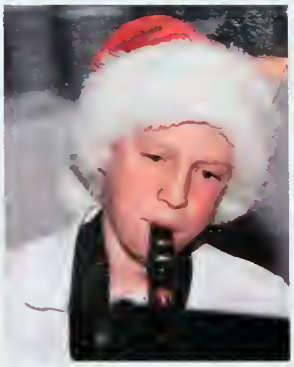

Spring Fair

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Saturday, May 9th, 2009

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Thanks, and a few Photos

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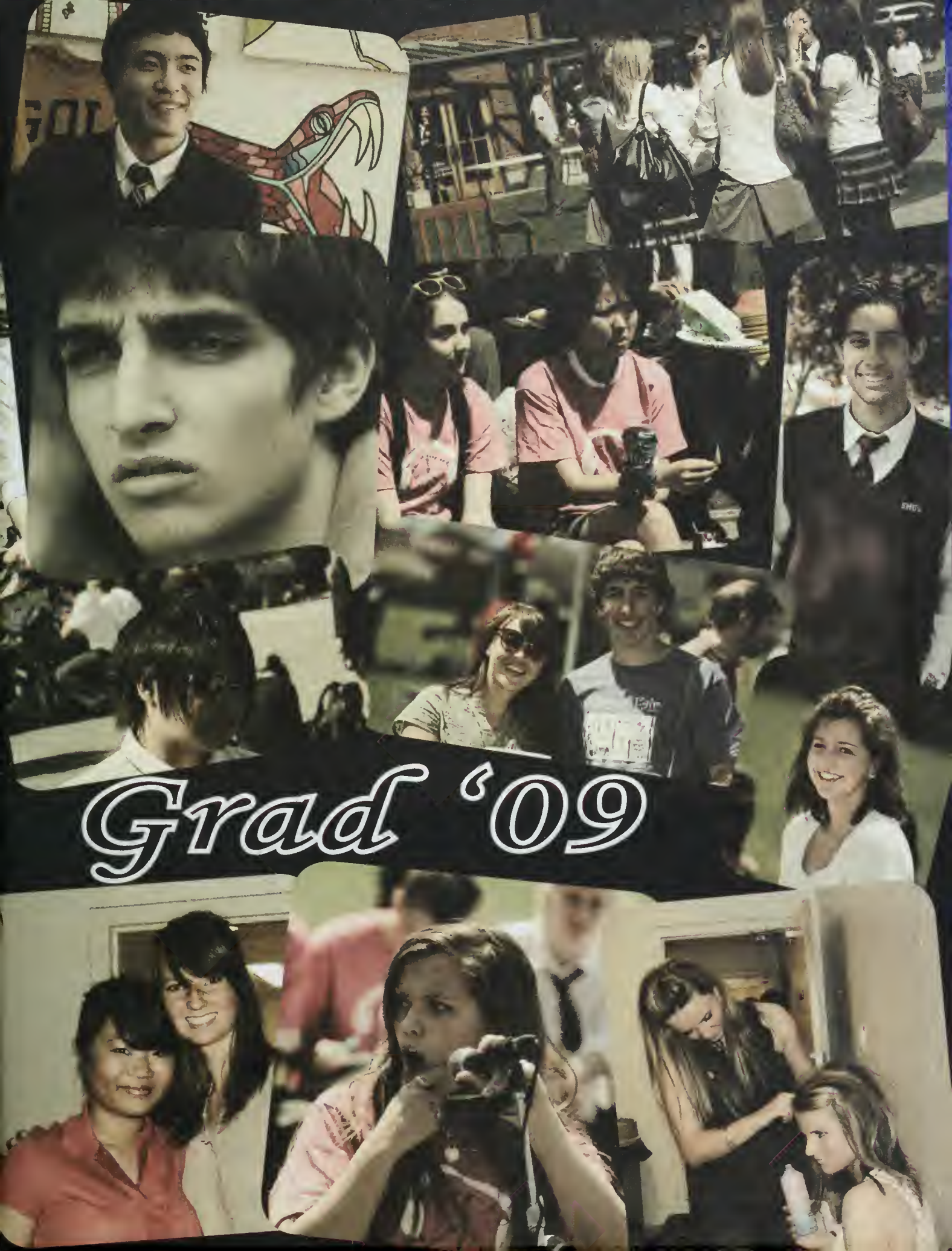
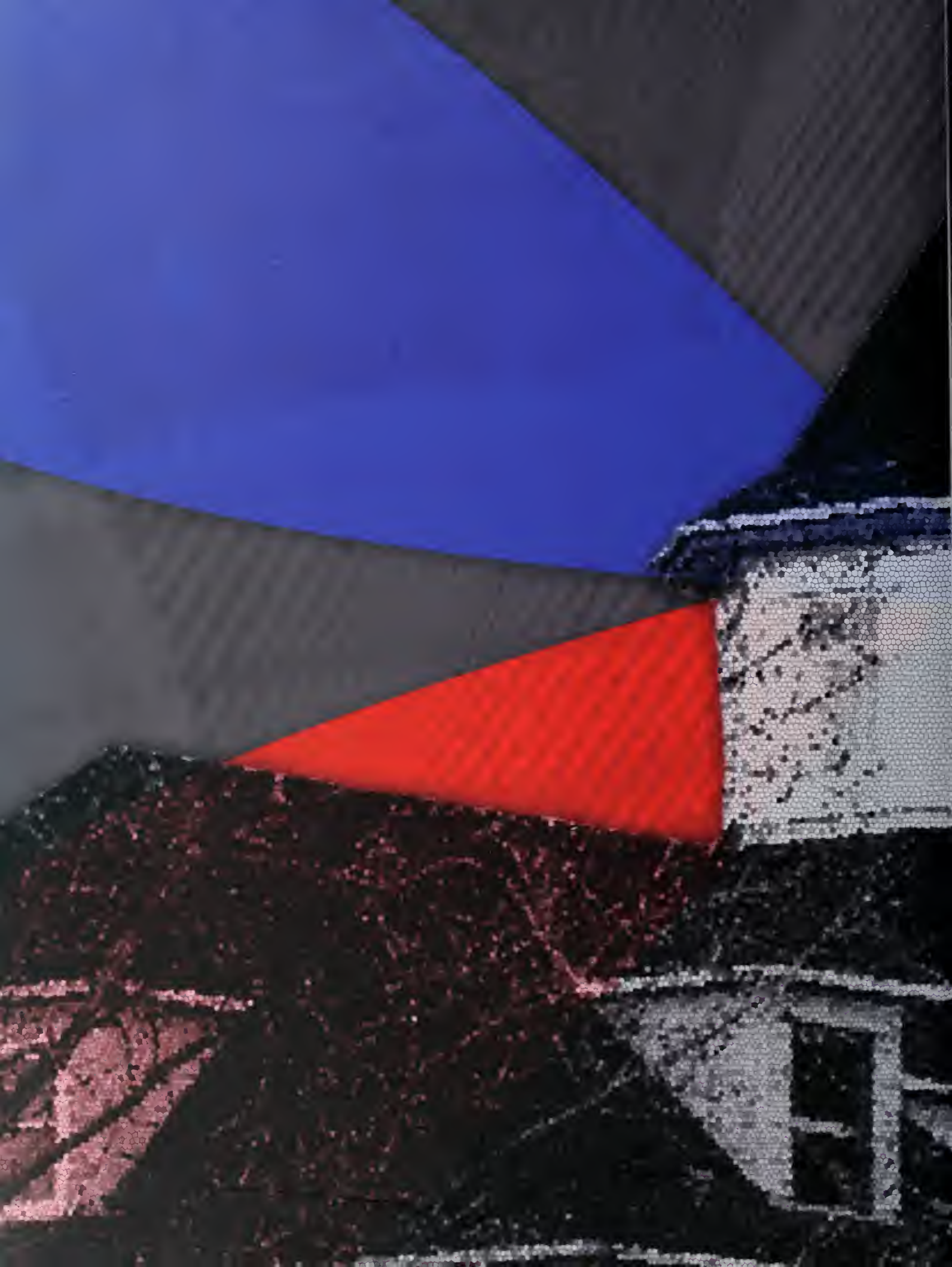
THE TEAM

Four people. Four. Our last regularly scheduled yearbook meeting, well into exams and long after extra-curricular activities were supposed to have stopped meeting. And four people show up. Plus Ms. Amirault, our staff "supervisor," who works harder than any of the rest of us, and Reid Felske, who works with our publishing company, Futurebook Yearbooks. Thus is the way of yearbooks. We started strong; more people than we had room for. We gained a few, even, though we lost far more. And now, here we are, about two months after the last AP, now into summer itself, sweating away in our third-floor abode, working after grad, after dinner dance, after everything. Outside, the boarders are packing up and going home.

There are perks, though. From free chocolates to free pizza, to free meals. We go out for dinner tonight, which is probably the only reason we got four people today. Nobody wants to work on the book for the next two months, but here we are. Maybe we'll get to see the sun in August...

Vivat!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